

HOUSE No. 2779

By Mr. Donnelly of Boston, petition of Brian J. Donnelly that provision be made for the appointment to the Advisory Board of the Department of Public Welfare of a person who is both a recipient of medical aid and a patient in a nursing home. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE OF A PERSON WHO IS BOTH A RECIPIENT OF MEDICAL AID AND A PATIENT IN A NURSING HOME.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 6 of chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by
3 section 11 of chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 There shall be in the department a state advisory board
6 consisting of the commissioner, who shall serve ex officio, and
7 fifteen members to be appointed by the governor, two of whom
8 shall be recipients of assistance on account of age under chapter
9 one hundred and eighteen A, two of whom shall be recipients of
10 assistance on account of disability under chapter one hundred and
11 eighteen A, two of whom shall be recipients under chapter one
12 hundred and eighteen, one of whom shall be a recipient under
13 chapter one hundred and eighteen E; and one of whom shall be a
14 recipient under chapter one hundred and eighteen E and also a
15 patient in a nursing home; at least three members shall be members
16 of the community service center boards. The members shall serve
17 for terms of three years, the commissioners shall not be entitled to
18 vote on any matter before the board.

Department of Public Health
and
Mental Hygiene

Bill of the Legislature
relating to the

organization of the
Department of Public Health
and Mental Hygiene

Section 1. The Department of Public Health
and Mental Hygiene shall be organized
as follows:

Section 2. The Department of Public Health
and Mental Hygiene shall have as its
chief officer a Commissioner of Public Health
and Mental Hygiene, who shall be appointed
and removed by the Governor.

Section 3. The Commissioner of Public Health
and Mental Hygiene shall have as his
principal duties and powers:

(a) To examine and report to the Governor
upon the condition of the public health
and mental hygiene in this State.