

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1688**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, October 15, 1976.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the House Bill further regulating certain lodging house facilities (House, No. 5222), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate, No. 1688).

(Senators Kelly and Saltonstall dissenting)

For the Committee,

B. JOSEPH TULLY

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out section 22, as most recently amended by chap-  
3 ter 481 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section: —

5 *Section 22.* "lodging house", as used in sections twenty-two  
6 to thirty-one, inclusive, shall mean a house where lodgings are  
7 let to four or more persons not within the second degree of  
8 kindred to the person conducting it, and shall include fra-  
9 ternity houses and dormitories of educational institutions, but  
10 shall not include dormitories of charitable or philanthropic  
11 institutions or convalescent or nursing homes licensed under  
12 seventy-one of chapter one hundred and eleven or rest homes  
13 so licensed, or to a group residence licensed or regulated by  
14 any agency of the commonwealth. Prior to establishing such  
15 group residence an agency shall seek an advisory opinion  
16 from the selectmen of a town or from the mayor and city  
17 council of a city; provided, however, such advisory opinion  
18 shall be advisory only and not binding on an agency decision  
19 to establish such a group residence in such city or town.

20 As used in this section "Group residence" shall mean a  
21 premise, licensed, operated or maintained by a department of  
22 agency of the commonwealth, for the residential care in any  
23 dwelling unit or single building of four or more unrelated  
24 persons.



