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SENATE No. 759

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 759) of Jack H. Backman and George Bachrach for legislation to require that mental health facilities comply with minimum standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES COMPLY WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS.

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 2 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as inserted
- 2 by section 4 of chapter 888 of the acts of 1970, is hereby
- 3 amended by adding at the end thereof, the following: —
- 4 All public and private mental health facilities operated or
- 5 licensed by the department shall, where applicable, be in com-
- 6 pliance with standards set forth for psychiatric facilities by
- 7 the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals by July
- 8 1, 1983.

