

SENATE No. 1885

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 28, 1983.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 608) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., and Vincent J. Piro for legislation to authorize qualified psychologists to perform certain competency evaluations, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1885).

For the Committee,

EDWARD L. BURKE

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED PSYCHOLOGISTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS.

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 1. Section 15 of said chapter 123 of the General
2 Laws as most recently amended by chapter 114 of the Acts
3 of 1975 is hereby further amended in paragraph (a) by add-
4 ing after the word "physicians" in line 5 the words "or one
5 or more qualified psychologists" and by adding after the word
6 "physicians" in line 8 the words "or examining psychologist
7 or psychologists".

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 15 is hereby further amended in
2 paragraph (b) by deleting the words "or, in the case of
3 Bridgewater State Hospital, an examining qualified physi-
4 cian" in lines 11 and 12.

1 SECTION 3. Said Section 15 is hereby further amended in
2 paragraph (c) by deleting the words "or, in the case of
3 Bridgewater State Hospital, the examining qualified physi-
4 cians" in lines 2 and 3.

1 SECTION 4. Section 18 of Chapter 123 is hereby further
2 amended in paragraph (a) by adding, after the words "physi-
3 cian or physicians" in the 5th line, the words "or qualified
4 psychologist or psychologists," and after the words "physician
5 or physicians" in the 6th line the words "or psychologist or
6 psychologists." Said Section 18, paragraph (a) is further
7 amended by deleting the words "or, in the case of Bridgewater
8 State Hospital, signed by the qualified physician or physicians"
9 in lines 15 and 16.