

By Mr. Berry, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 517) of Frederick E. Berry for legislation to transfer the control of Bridgewater State Hospital to the Department of Mental Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TRANSFERRING CONTROL OF BRIDGEWATER STATE HOSPITAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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. Chapter 19 of the Massachusetts General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 7, as appearing in
3 the 1986 Official Edition, the following section:

4 Section 7A. Bridgewater State Hospital shall be under the
5 control of the Department of Mental Health. The Commissioner
6 shall make and promulgate rules and regulations governing
7 Bridgewater as a secure treatment facility. Notwithstanding the
8 provisions of section 7, admissions to Bridgewater shall be by
9 commitment.

1 SECTION 2. Section eighteen of Chapter one hundred and
2 twenty-five of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall take effect on July
2 first, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Dear Mr. [Name],
I have received your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the matter of [Subject].
I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time.
The matter is being reviewed and I will contact you again as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
[Name]
[Title]

Very truly yours,
[Name]

Enclosed for you are [Number] copies of [Document Name].
I hope this information is helpful to you.
If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Very respectfully,
[Name]