

By Mr. Boverini, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 531) of Walter J. Boverini for legislation to establish a separate office for intermediate care facilities within the Executive Office of Human Services. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGARDING INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 The Secretary of the Executive Office of Human Services shall
2 establish an Intermediate Care Facility — Mental Retardation
3 Interagency Committee Quality Assurance, the Department of
4 Retardation, the Department of Public Health, the Rate Setting
5 Commission, and representatives of the Massachusetts Interme-
6 diate Care Facilities/Mental Retardation Providers' Association.

7 Said Committee shall be chaired by a designee of the Secretary
8 of the Executive Office of Human Services. Said Committee shall
9 review the existing regulations, procedures, funding, and quality
10 of services to all Intermediate Care Facilities operated by private
11 providers.

12 Said Committee shall make recommendations to the Secretary
13 of Human Services for additional legislative and regulatory
14 proposals: (1) to assure cost effective and quality programming
15 for Consent Decree and Non-Consent Decree clients in
16 Intermediate Care Facilities (2) to assure coordination of services
17 and requirements by State agencies, and (3) to assure reasonable
18 reimbursement for services provided by Intermediate Care
19 Facilities/Mental Retardation. Said Committee shall be
20 responsible for overseeing and reviewing the implementation of
21 any recommendations approved by the legislature or the Secretary
22 of the Executive Office of Human Services.

