

By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 449) of Edward L. Burke and John H. Flannagan, Jr., for legislation relative to hospital reporting. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOSPITAL REPORTING.

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

1 Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following new section: —

3 Section 103. The Commission may require all providers of
4 general health supplies, care, social, rehabilitative or educational
5 services and accommodations, and health maintenance organiza-
6 tions as defined in chapter one hundred seventy-six G to report
7 data which may include provider identification, provider charges
8 for services, actual payments for services, payer identification and
9 measures which differentiate between severity of illnesses,
10 mortality rates, rates of infection, morbidity rates, readmission
11 rates, and incidence of post-discharge professional care.

12 The Commission shall consult with interested parties in
13 developing methodologies for collecting data pursuant to this
14 section and plans for its use and dissemination.

15 Subject to the provisions of section two (c) of chapter sixty-
16 six A, information collected by the commission pursuant to this
17 section shall be made available in the form of reports derived from
18 raw data and/or through computer-to-computer access. All
19 personal data shall be maintained with the physical safeguards
20 enumerated in said chapter.

