

HOUSE No. 2343

By Mr. Cohen of Brookline, petition of Beryl W. Cohen that provision be made for a penalty for the maltreatment of patients in mental institutions. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE MALTREATMENT OF MENTAL PATIENTS.

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 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 47, as most recently amended by chapter 467 of
3 the acts of 1945, the following section: —

4 *Section 47A.* Any person employed in an institution for the
5 care of the mentally ill, epileptic or mentally deficient who is
6 guilty of maltreatment of a patient in such institution shall be
7 punished by a fine of five hundred dollars or by imprisonment
8 for six months in jail.

9 Any person who, having charge of a mentally ill or mentally
10 deficient person, or an epileptic under the approval of the de-
11 partment of mental health or boarding-out, temporary leave or
12 other custody, and who is guilty of maltreatment of the person
13 or who violates any regulations of the department concerning
14 the care and treatment of such persons shall be punished by a
15 fine of five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for six months
16 in jail.

The Constitution of the State

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

the first session of the Legislature of the State of New York

the Senate of the State of New York, do hereby certify that

the following is a true and correct copy of the Constitution

of the State of New York, as amended to the 1st of January

1901, and as the same appears in the Constitution of the

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