

By Mr. Bulger of Boston, petition of William M. Bulger that judges be authorized to give permission by phone to retain certain children in hospitals. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JUDGES TO GIVE PERMISSION BY PHONE TO
RETAIN CERTAIN CHILDREN IN A HOSPITAL.

*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 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 39B the following section: —
3 *Section 39C.* If a parent or other person responsible for the
4 care of a child under sixteen years of age is requesting the release
5 of such child from a hospital, the presiding judge of the district or
6 juvenile court in which such hospital is located may, if he believes
7 such a release would be detrimental to the child's health, give
8 permission by phone to retain such child in the hospital until the
9 parent or person responsible for such child may be brought
10 before said judge on the question whether or not the child should
11 be released.

