
By Mr. Cohen, a petition of Beryl W. Cohen for legislation to authorize the Department of Mental Health to enter into contracts and leases with private corporations, licensed hospitals, or government agencies for the purpose of operating community mental health services. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND LEASES WITH PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, LICENSED HOSPITALS, OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in section of chapter 735 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended
- 3 by adding the following paragraph: —
- 4 The department may contract or enter into any lease
- 5 agreement with any private corporation, licensed hospital, or
- 6 government agency for the purpose of operating community
- 7 mental health services for, or in cooperation with, the depart-
- 8 ment whether in facilities owned by the Commonwealth or in
- 9 other facilities. Such contracts or lease agreements may in-
- 10 clude provision for payment for professional and other services
- 11 and for use of equipment and other facilities and may be made
- 12 subject to renegotiation to assure that payment will be made
- 13 by the Commonwealth only for services, use of equipment
- 14 and other facilities actually rendered or utilized. All such
- 15 contracts and lease agreements shall be approved as to form
- 16 and legal authority by the Attorney General. All contracts
- 17 made under this provision for periods beyond one year shall
- 18 be made specifically subject to appropriation in subsequent
- 19 years.

