

HOUSE No. 2726

By Mr. Cavanaugh of Medford, petition of Paul J. Cavanaugh for legislation to abolish solitary confinement of persons committed to Bridgewater State Hospital. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT ABOLISHING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO BRIDGEWATER STATE 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 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 100A the following section: —
- 3 *Section 100B.* No person committed to Bridgewater state
- 4 hospital shall be placed in solitary confinement.

For the purpose of this bill, the term "State" shall mean any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia.

SEC. 1. The Commission on the Administration of Justice shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The Chief Justice of the United States.

(b) The Chief Justice of the State of New York.

(c) The Chief Justice of the State of California.

(d) The Chief Justice of the State of Illinois.

(e) The Chief Justice of the State of Michigan.