

HOUSE No. 4681

By Messrs. Ambler of Weymouth, Semensi of Randolph, Manning of Milton and Danovitch of Norwood, petition of Robert B. Ambler, Joseph J. Semensi, M. Joseph Manning and Alan Paul Danovitch relative to requiring that patients in institutions under the control of the Department of Mental Health be given physical examinations. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING PATIENTS IN INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BE GIVEN PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

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 31 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 32.* All patients resident in an institution under the
- 4 control of the department, regardless of their financial condi-
- 5 tion or age, shall be given a physical examination by a regis-
- 6 tered physician at least once in every calendar year during
- 7 which he is resident in such institution.

The Commission on Psychiatric Hospitals

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six

THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION ON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS
REPORT

It is provided by the laws of this State that the Commission on Psychiatric Hospitals shall be organized and shall hold public hearings and shall report to the Legislature.

1. Chapter 135 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 11 the following section:
2. Section 12. All subjects confined in an institution under the control of the department, regardless of their financial condition, shall be given a physical examination by a registered medical physician at least once in every calendar year during which such physician is such institution.