

SENATE No. 467

By Mr. Bulger, a petition of William M. Bulger for legislation relative to the commitment to the Department of Mental Health on certification of a licensed psychiatrist of seriously mentally ill children. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMITMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON CERTIFICATION OF A LICENSED PSYCHIATRIST OF SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL CHILDREN.

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 60 of Chapter 218 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by Section 17 of Chapter 859 of the acts of
3 1969, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

4 On certification by a psychiatrist, licensed to practice medi-
5 cine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that a child be-
6 fore the court is seriously mentally ill and that the child re-
7 quires residential treatment, the Boston Juvenile Court is
8 hereby authorized to commit such child to the Department of
9 Mental Health. The Department of Mental Health, with the
10 authorization of the Court, may release such child when the
11 purpose of the commitment has been accomplished.

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