
By Mr. Rogers, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 431) of John Robert and George Rogers for legislation to regulate the keeping and maintaining of certain records by hospitals and nursing homes and providing for the examination and copying of such records for authorized persons. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE KEEPING AND MAINTAINING OF CERTAIN RECORDS BY HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF SUCH RECORDS FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regula-
2 tion to the contrary, every hospital and nursing home or other
3 in-patient facility shall:—
- 4 (1) keep and maintain on a current basis a record of all
5 prescriptions and controlled substances of any kind issued or
6 administered to each patient, which record shall be made
7 available for examination by the patient's physician, parents,
8 spouse or legal guardian upon request within a reasonable
9 time thereafter; and
- 10 (2) furnish copies of medical records promptly after re-
11 quest to authorized persons for a charge equal to the cost of
12 the copying.

