

SENATE No. 679

By Mr. Olver, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 679) of John W. Olver and John G. King for legislation to provide equity jurisdiction for the district courts in matters concerning mentally retarded persons. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITY JURISDICTION FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS
IN MATTERS CONCERNING MENTALLY RETARDED 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 Chapter one hundred and twenty three of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following
3 new section: —

4 *Section 2A.* For the purpose of construing and implementing
5 the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the de-
6 partment, the district court and the superior court, respective-
7 ly, shall have such jurisdiction and authority, both in law and
8 in equity, as shall be necessary to hear and determine all mat-
9 ters arising thereunder, to enter such orders and judgments
10 as the merits of each particular case require, and to enforce
11 such orders and judgments by appropriate means.

