

HOUSE No. 5729

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 15, 1987.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of Correction (House, No. 58) as relates to clarifying the law regarding the detention of alcoholics who have voluntarily admitted themselves to a private or state treatment facility (accompanied by bill, House, No. 81), reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5729) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PAUL KOLLIOS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE LAW REGARDING THE DETENTION OF ALCOHOLICS WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY ADMITTED THEMSELVES TO A PRIVATE OR STATE TREATMENT FACILITY.

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 7 of chapter 111B of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
4 paragraph: —

5 Any person admitted to a facility shall receive treatment at the
6 center or facility for as long as he wishes to remain or until the
7 administrator determines that treatment will no longer benefit
8 him; provided, however, that any person who at the time of admis-
9 sion is intoxicated and is incapacitated, shall remain at the facility
10 until he is no longer incapacitated, but in no event shall he be
11 required to remain for a period greater than forty-eight hours, or
12 if any such person is admitted for rehabilitative purposes to the
13 Massachusetts correctional institution, Bridgewater, he shall be
14 required to remain for a period of not less than ten days.