

By Mr. Costello, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 590) of Nicholas J. Costello for legislation to establish a patient advocate office. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PATIENT ADVOCATE OFFICE.

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 the provisions of any general or special law
2 to the contrary, there is hereby established within the executive
3 office of human services and under its supervision and control,
4 a patient advocate office responsible for responding to the needs
5 of clients, families of such clients and of the public in relation to
6 the placement and care of persons serviced by the said office of
7 human services.

8 The patient advocate office shall have access to records of the
9 office of human services necessary to carry out the provisions of
10 this act.

11 Said patient advocate office is hereby authorized to conduct
12 investigations relative to client care and to report the results of
13 its investigations to the secretary of the executive office of human
14 services.

15 The patient advocate office shall report to the general court the
16 results of its activities, including investigations, and its
17 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
18 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the
19 same with the clerk of the senate on or before the first Wednesday
20 of October annually.

The Committee on Education

Report of the Committee on Education

Presented to the Senate of the State of New York

in accordance with a resolution of the Senate, passed July 1, 1910

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