

SENATE No. 1848

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 13, 1987.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 577) of Edward L. Burke, Frederick E. Berry, Nicholas J. Costello, Peter C. Webber, Richard A. Kraus, Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., Mary L. Padula, Salvatore R. Albano and Argeo Paul Cellucci for legislation relative to the provision of medical care for persons in mental health facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 570) of Jerahmiel Prost for legislation to require therapy for certain mental health patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of William J. Flynn, Jr., relative to increasing the quality of medical care for patients in mental institutions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2520) of David B. Cohen and other members of the House that provision be made for medical care for persons in mental health facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2554) of Geraldine O'Connor that provision be made for in-service psychiatric treatment to all persons requiring such treatment at state facilities; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2555) of Geraldine O'Connor for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the adequacy of professional inpatient psychiatric service provided by the Department of Mental Health, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1848).

[Estimated Cost — \$23.6 million]

For the committee,

JOHN PATRICK HOUSTON.

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

AN ACT FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE FOR PERSONS IN MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

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

1 The department of mental health shall identify all patients who
2 require intermediate nursing services, skilled nursing services, and
3 chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital services, who are cur-
4 rently residing in state mental health facilities, and provide identi-
5 fied patients with individual service plans by July first, nineteen
6 hundred and eighty-seven. The commissioner shall complete a
7 comprehensive statewide plan to provide appropriate services to
8 identified patients, based on an analysis of the service recommen-
9 dations made in said individual service plans, by September thir-
10 tieth, nineteen hundred eighty-seven and fully implement the
11 provisions of the comprehensive statewide plan by June thirtieth,
12 nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.