

Accompanying the fourteenth recommendation of the Department of Correction (House, No. 59). Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PERTAINING TO BRIDGEWATER STATE HOSPITAL RECORDS.

*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 1. Section 70 of chapter 111 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the words "department of mental health" in line  
4 17, the words: — or Bridgewater State Hospital.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 70 of chapter 111 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the words "department of mental  
3 health," in line 23, the words: — or Bridgewater State Hospital.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 70 of chapter 111 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the words "promulgated by the Com-  
3 missioner," in line 30, the words: — and in the case of Bridgewater  
4 State Hospital, when the medical director determines the disclos-  
5 sure would be in the best interest of the patient as provided in  
6 the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of  
7 Correction.

1 SECTION 4. Section 36 of chapter 123, as amended by chapter  
2 599, section 38, of the Acts of 1986, is hereby amended by inserting  
3 after the word "supervision" in line 2: — The Department of  
4 Correction shall keep records of the admission treatment, and  
5 periodic review of all persons admitted to Bridgewater State  
6 Hospital.

1 SECTION 5. Said section 36 of chapter 123 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the words "the Commissioner" in line  
3 4: — , or in the case of Bridgewater State Hospital, the medical  
4 director.

1 SECTION 6. Said section 36 of chapter 123 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the word "department" in line 8: —  
3 , and in the case of Bridgewater State Hospital, the medical  
4 director may permit inspection or disclosure when in the best  
5 interests of the patient as provided in the rules and regulations  
6 promulgated by the Commissioner of Correction.