

HOUSE No. 924

By Mrs. Alexander of Beverly, petition of Frances F. Alexander, Frederick E. Berry, Marie-Louise Kehoe and Nicholas J. Costello that the Department of Public Health be directed to receive complaints of patients at nursing homes. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPLAINTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS.

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 III of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 70E the following three sections: —
- 3 Section 70F. The department of public health shall receive
- 4 complaints from patients at nursing homes or their relatives and
- 5 upon investigation, may order a nursing home to take corrective
- 6 action within ten days of such order.
- 7 Section 70G. Every nursing home shall make a record of each
- 8 time a patient is required to be physically restrained and keep such
- 9 record with the patient's medical record. Such record shall include
- 10 the dates and times such restraint was in effect.

By the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives
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IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON APRIL 10, 1954

RELATIVE TO THE

ACTIVITY OF THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

PROSECUTION OF

THE CASE OF

DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN