

HOUSE No. 5132

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty relative to benefits for certain mental health patients under the mental health program. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS.

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 47B of chapter 175 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of paragraph (a) thereof,
3 the following sentence:— The benefits established by this
4 provision may be satisfied by the substitution, where medically
5 appropriate, of one day of partial hospitalization or intensive day
6 treatment care for one day of inpatient hospital care.

1 SECTION 2. Subdivision (H) of section 110 of chapter 175 of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of
3 paragraph (a) thereof, the following sentence:— The benefits
4 established by this provision may be satisfied by the substitution,
5 where medically appropriate, of one day of partial hospitalization
6 or intensive day treatment care for one day of inpatient hospital
7 care.

1 SECTION 3. Section 8A of chapter 176A of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of paragraph (a) thereof,
3 the following sentence:— The benefits established by this
4 provision may be satisfied by the substitution, where medically
5 appropriate, of one day of partial hospitalization or intensive day
6 treatment care for one day of inpatient hospital care.

1 SECTION 4. The third paragraph of section 10 of said chapter

2 176A is hereby amended by adding at the end of paragraph (a)
3 thereof, the following sentence: — The benefits established by this
4 provision may be satisfied by the substitution, where medically
5 appropriate, of one day of partial hospitalization or intensive day
6 treatment care for one day of inpatient hospital care.

1 SECTION 5. Section 4A of chapter 176B of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of paragraph (a) thereof,
3 the following sentence: — The benefits established by this
4 provision may be satisfied by the substitution, where medically
5 appropriate, of one day of partial hospitalization or intensive day
6 treatment care for one day of inpatient hospital care.