
By Mr. McKenna, a petition of Denis L. McKenna that provision be made for a study by the committee on Pensions and Old Age Assistance relative to providing occupational therapy for certain patients in licensed nursing and rest homes. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A STUDY BY THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS AND OLD AGE ASSISTANCE RELATIVE TO PROVIDING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS IN LICENSED NURSING AND REST HOMES.

1 *Resolved*, That The Committee on Old Age and Pensions is
2 hereby ordered to investigate the advisability of providing
3 occupational therapy for those patients of properly licensed
4 nursing and rest homes of the Commonwealth who are capable
5 of absorbing such instructions by a trained occupational thera-
6 pist. The capability of the patient to be determined by the
7 attending physician. Also the committee is further requested
8 to explore the possibility of obtaining reimbursement from the
9 Federal Government under the Kerr-Mills Act of Congress for
10 the expense involved in providing this humane service. If,
11 after investigation, it is determined that reimbursement is
12 not obtainable under existing provisions of the Kerr-Mills Act
13 the committee is requested to provide their recommendations
14 as to the advisability of requesting the U. S. Congress to amend
15 the Social Security Act so that this service may be made ob-
16 tainable to the several states who wish to accept such legisla-
17 tion.

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