

SENATE No. 511

By Mr. Ansel, a petition of Julius Ansel and another for legislation to provide that the Department of Public Health investigate and regulate certain matters pertaining to nursing and convalescent homes. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATE AND REGULATE CERTAIN MATTERS PERTAINING TO NURSING AND CONVALESCENT HOMES.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 72C, added by section 1 of chapter 730
- 3 of the acts of 1963, the following section: —
- 4 *Section 72D.* The department shall investigate and regulate,
- 5 as conditions permit and the purposes of this chapter require,
- 6 all matters pertaining to the needs of patients in convalescent
- 7 or nursing homes, to the construction, financing, purchase and
- 8 sale of convalescent or nursing home facilities and to the es-
- 9 tablishment and maintenance of reasonable practices in rela-
- 10 tion to the operation of convalescent or nursing homes. All
- 11 rules and regulations under this section shall be adopted after
- 12 public hearing.

