

HOUSE No. 2181

By Mr. Lolas of Monson, petition of Alexander Lolas and Philip A. Quinn that the Department of Mental Health be authorized to enter into contracts and leases with private corporations, licensed hospitals, or government agencies for the purpose of operating community mental health services. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND LEASES WITH PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, LICENSED HOSPITALS, OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 section 1 of chapter 735 of the acts of 1966, is hereby
3 amended by adding the following paragraph: —

4 The department may contract or enter into any lease agree-
5 ment with any private corporation, licensed hospital, or govern-
6 ment agency for the purpose of operating community mental
7 health services for, or in cooperation with, the department
8 whether in facilities owned by the Commonwealth or in other
9 facilities. Such contracts or lease agreements may include pro-
10 vision for payment for professional and other services and for
11 use of equipment and other facilities and may be made subject
12 to renegotiation to assure that payment will be made by the
13 Commonwealth only for services, use of equipment and other
14 facilities actually rendered or utilized. All such contracts and
15 lease agreements shall be approved as to form and legal author-
16 ity by the Attorney General. All contracts made under this
17 provision for periods beyond one year shall be made specifi-
18 cally subject to appropriation in subsequent years.

