

Accompanying the eighth recommendation of the Department of Correction (House, No. 93). Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

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AN ACT PERTAINING TO BRIDGEWATER STATE HOSPITAL RECORDS.

*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 70 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the words "department of mental health,": in  
4 line 18, the words: — or Bridgewater State Hospital.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 70 of Chapter 111 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the words "department of mental  
3 health," in lines 24 and 25, the words: — or Bridgewater State  
4 Hospital.

1 SECTION 3. Said Section 70 of Chapter 111 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the word "Commissioner,": in line 32,  
3 the words: — and in the case of Bridgewater State Hospital, when  
4 the medical director or superintendent determines the disclosure  
5 would be in the best interest of the patient as provided in the rules  
6 and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Correction.

1 SECTION 4. Section 36 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws  
2 as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: —  
4 The Department of Correction shall keep records of the  
5 admission, treatment, and periodic review of all persons admitted  
6 to Bridgewater State Hospital.

1 SECTION 5. Section 36 of Chapter 123 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the words "the Commissioner" in

3 lines 5 and 6 the words: — and in the case of Bridgewater State  
4 Hospital, the medical director or superintendent.

1 SECTION 6. Section 36 of Chapter 123 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after the word “department” in line 10 the  
3 words: — and in the case of Bridgewater State Hospital, the  
4 medical director or superintendent may permit inspection or  
5 disclosure when in the best interests of the patient as provided  
6 in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner  
7 of Correction.