

HOUSE No. 5831

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 26, 1991.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 363) of Thomas P. Kennedy relative to the quality of care in nursing homes, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5831) ought to pass.

For the committee,

CARMEN D. BUELL.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING 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, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 72W
2 the following: —

3 Section 72X. Incentive Payments to Nursing Homes.

4 In any incentive program established by the department, each
5 nursing home shall be evaluated on its own merit when determin-
6 ing eligibility for incentive payments. Facilities shall not be denied
7 incentive payments if an affiliated facility becomes ineligible for
8 incentives but all other facilities exhibit satisfactory compliance
9 with the performance criteria for participating in the incentive
10 program. The cumulative total incentive payments to be distrib-
11 uted annually to eligible providers shall not exceed cumulative
12 total incentive payments pursuant to regulation 114.2 CMR 5.06
13 (5) in effect in 1991, indexed forward each year on the basis of
14 a standard index for inflation.