

Accompanying the first recommendation of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 177). Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

*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 3 of chapter 19, as appearing in section 1  
2 of chapter 735 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended by striking  
3 out the words "with the approval of the governor" in lines 1 and  
4 2 and inserting in place thereof the words "with the approval of  
5 the secretary of human services".

1 SECTION 2. Said section 3 of said chapter 19, as so appearing,  
2 is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs:—  
4 The deputy commissioner shall have a doctorate or other  
5 degree beyond the baccalaureate in the field of medicine or  
6 psychology, social work, public health, public administration,  
7 business administration, of a field substantially related thereto,  
8 and shall have had not less than six years experience in the  
9 organization, management or delivery of mental health services  
10 or services for the developmentally disabled, no less than two  
11 years of which shall have been administrative experience, or  
12 shall have not less than six years administrative experience, no  
13 less than two of which shall have been administrative experience  
14 in the organization, management or delivery of human services.  
15 In the event that the position of commissioner of mental  
16 health is occupied by an individual who is not a psychiatrist  
17 eligible for certification in psychiatry or certified in psychiatry

18 by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc., the  
 19 deputy commissioner shall be a psychiatrist eligible for  
 20 certification in psychiatry or certified in psychiatry by the  
 21 American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. For  
 22 purposes of this section, board eligible shall mean 3 years of  
 23 accredited psychiatric training plus 2 years experience in  
 24 psychiatric work.