

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 6116

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 20, 1975.

The committee on Public Service, to whom were referred, so much of the recommendations of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 177) as relates to certain appointments in said department (accompanied by bill, House, No. 181); and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of Edwin B. Newman and John G. King relative to the appointment and duties of assistant commissioners in the Department of Mental Health, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6116) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RICHARD E. LANDRY.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS IN 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 Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out sections 4, 5, 8, and 8A, as most recently amended by chapter  
3 798 of the acts of 1974; section 6, as most recently amended by  
4 chapter 783 of the acts of 1974; and sections 6A and 6B, inserted  
5 by chapter 783 of the acts of 1974; and inserting in place thereof  
6 the following section: —

7 *Section 4.* The commissioner shall appoint, with the approval  
8 of the secretary of human services, such assistant commissioners,  
9 not to exceed eight in number, as the commissioner may  
10 determine to be necessary or desirable to carry out the work of  
11 the department. Assistant commissioners shall be assigned areas  
12 of responsibility to be specified by the commissioner; provided,  
13 however that at least one such assistant commissioner shall work  
14 exclusively in the area of mental retardation. At the time of  
15 appointment, they shall possess qualifications of training and  
16 experience generally similar to those required of the com-  
17 missioner or other suitable experience, as determined by the  
18 commissioner.

19 Chapter thirty-one of the General Laws shall not apply to said  
20 assistant commissioner positions. Persons appointed to such  
21 positions shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.

22 In addition, the commissioner may appoint such agents and  
23 subordinate officers, not to exceed eight in number, as he  
24 determines necessary or desirable to carry out the work of the  
25 department. Chapter thirty-one shall not apply to these positions.  
26 Persons appointed thereto shall serve at the pleasure of the  
27 commissioner.