

SENATE . . . . . No. 196

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By Mr. Kelly, a petition of James A. Kelly, Jr., for legislation to establish in the Department of Public Health a Massachusetts poison information center. Social Welfare.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH A  
POISON INFORMATION CENTER.

*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 17 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 4 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 4A.* There shall be in the department a poison in-
- 4 formation and control center to accept inquiries and provide
- 5 comprehensive, full-time, centralized professional information
- 6 and supportive laboratory and educational services relating to
- 7 health problems from poison and other toxicological agents.
- 8 The commissioner may through agencies of the common-
- 9 wealth or by contract with private hospitals, institutions,
- 10 agencies, individuals or groups provide for such facilities
- 11 and services as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
- 12 this section.

By the Kelly a portion of James A. Kelly, Jr., the legislation to create  
 in the Department of Public Health a Department of  
 Hospital and Sanitary Work.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH A  
 DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS AND SANITARY WORK.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
 Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter IV of the General Laws is hereby amended by the
- 2 adding after section 4 the following section:—
- 3 Section 4A. There shall be in the department a board in-
- 4 formation and control center to receive reports and provide
- 5 comprehensive, full-time, centralized professional information
- 6 and suggestive laboratory and educational services relating to
- 7 health problems from public and other institutional agencies.
- 8 The commission may through members of the commis-
- 9 sion or by contract with private hospitals, institutions,
- 10 agencies, individuals or groups provide for such facilities
- 11 and services as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
- 12 this section.