

SENATE. No. 1843

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 9, 2001.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 567) of Richard T. Moore, Mary Jane Simmons, Brian A. Joyce, Harriette L. Chandler and Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to improve patient safety and the quality of patient care, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1843).

For the committee,

RICHARD T. MOORE.

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In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT TO IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY AND THE QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE.

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

1 The executive office of health and human services is authorized
2 and directed to establish and implement an interagency risk man-
3 agement and quality assurance program. Said program shall be
4 called the Patient Care Quality Program and shall be coordinated
5 by the Patient Care Quality Board. The Board shall be made up of
6 the Executive Director of the Board of Registration in Medicine or
7 a designee, the Director of the Board of Registration in Nursing or
8 a designee, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and
9 Human Services or a designee, and the Commissioner of the
10 Department of Public Health or a designee, the Director of the
11 Board of Registration in Pharmacy or a designee. The Board is
12 authorized to assign as members, pro tempore, representatives of
13 other boards under the division of professional licensure, or other
14 representatives from agencies as the board deems necessary to
15 assure the representation of appropriate professions to insure a
16 systemic review.