

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 7, 1997.

The committee on Health Care, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (House, No. 19) as relates to the availability of peer review records (accompanied by bill, House, No. 21), so much of the recommendations of the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 173) as relates to the removal of an anatomical gift (accompanied by bill, House, No. 184), and on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1701) of Marie J. Parente, Edward G. Connolly, Patricia A. Walrath, Anthony J. Verga, Lida E. Harkins and Shirley Gomes for legislation to regulate the referral of patients by health care providers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2303) of Christopher J. Hodgkins, Edward G. Connolly and Anthony J. Verga for legislation to further regulate the referral of patients by physicians, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2310) of John E. McDonough for legislation to increase public access to data concerning physicians, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2680) of John A. Stefanini for legislation to ensure access and quality of care in the transfer of physician group practices, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2681) of John A. Stefanini for legislation to prohibit physicians from referring patients to other facilities in which said physicians have a financial interest, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2859) of Steven Angelo that the Board of Registration in Medicine be directed to establish regulations for medical malpractice complaints, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4207) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to include pending complaints under investigation in the law providing public access to data relative to physicians, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4832) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

HARRIETTE L. CHANDLER.

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

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Health Care be authorized to
2 sit during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation
3 and study of current house documents numbered 21, relative to
4 availability of peer review records; 184, relative to the removal of
5 an anatomical gift; 1701, relative to regulating the referral of
6 patients by health care providers; 2303, relative to regulating the
7 referral of patients by physicians; 2310, relative to increasing
8 public access to data concerning physicians; 2680, relative to
9 access and quality of care in the transfer of physician group prac-
10 tices; 2681, relative to physician referrals and financial interest;
11 2859, relative to medical malpractice complaints; and 4207,
12 relative to including pending complaints under investigation in the
13 law providing public access to data relative to physicians.

14 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of
15 its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any,
16 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
17 mendations into effect by filing the same with the Clerk of the
18 House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in
19 December, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.