

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2216

By Mr. Casey of Winchester (by request), petition of Lillian Bono for legislation to regulate home health agencies under contract with the Department of Public Health. Health Care.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES UNDER CONTRACT  
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, the Department of Public Health is  
3 hereby authorized and directed to require all Home Health  
4 Agencies under contract with the Department of Public Health  
5 to be lawfully licensed with the Commonwealth for that purpose.  
6 The licensing procedure will include an educational course for all  
7 Home Health Aides employed by the Home Health Agency. A  
8 certificate shall be issued to each Home Health Aide upon the  
9 completion of said course. The content of said educational courts  
10 shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Health.

1 SECTION 2. Home Health Agencies under lawful contract  
2 with the Department for services produced shall be required to  
3 hold a ten thousand dollar surety bond against theft, vandalism  
4 or inadequate service rendered to the client of the Department  
5 of Public Health.

