
ACTS, 1987. - Chaps. 160, 161.

Section 23B of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "reproduction", in line 96, the words:- or by means of videotape equipment fixed in one or more designated locations determined by the governmental body.

Approved June 22, 1987.

Chapter 160. AN ACT INCREASING THE LIMIT FOR VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL ESTATES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 195 of the General Laws, as amended by section 46 of chapter 599 of the acts of 1986, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the word:- fifteen.

SECTION 2. Section 16A of chapter 195 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 94 of the acts of 1987, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the word:- fifteen.

Approved June 22, 1987.

Chapter 161. AN ACT AUTHORIZING REGISTERED NURSES TO MAKE PRONOUNCEMENTS OF DEATH IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 9 of chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

When a patient suffering from a terminal illness or whose death is anticipated and who is receiving the services of a nursing home, a hospice program, at home or in a hospice, dies, a registered professional nurse licensed by the board of registration in nursing, who is employed by said hospice program or by the Visiting Nurse Association at the time of apparent death of such person, in the absence of an attending physician or a medical examiner, may make the determination and pronouncement of the death of said patient; provided, however, that said nurse first make reasonable effort to contact said physician or medical examiner before making such determination or pronouncement; and provided, further, that such determination or pronouncement be made in writing on a form approved by said board of registration and subscribed under pains and penalty of perjury.

Approved June 22, 1987.