

By Mr. Lolas of Monson, petition of Alexander Lolas and Philip A. Quinn for legislation to provide that private facilities which receive public funds for the maintenance and treatment of mentally retarded persons be approved by the Department of Mental Health. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ANY PRIVATE FACILITY WHICH RECEIVES PUBLIC MONEY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OR TREATMENT OF MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL 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. Section 2 of chapter 117 is hereby amended by
2 adding the following paragraph: —

3 No person who is mentally retarded and who is dependent
4 on public support shall be placed in any facility not operated
5 by the commonwealth without prior written statement by the
6 commissioner of mental health that such placement is in the
7 best interests of said person.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 19 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

3 The department shall develop regulations governing the
4 placement of mentally retarded persons dependent on public
5 support in private facilities. On the basis of such regulations
6 the commissioner shall approve or disprove such placement.

The bill of the House of Representatives is hereby reported to the Senate by the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

IN ALL CASES ARISING UNDER THIS ACT, THE SUPREMACY OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE MAINTAINED, AND THE COURTS SHALL HAVE FULL POWER TO ENFORCE THE SAME.

It is the policy of the United States to support the efforts of the people of the world to secure peace and stability.

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