

By Messrs. Cusack of Arlington and Rogers of Framingham, petition of Michael J. Rea, Jr., Edward A. LeLacheur, Nicholas J. Buglione, John F. Cusack and Andrew J. Rogers, Jr., relative to the licensing of mental health institutions. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS.

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 29 of Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by Chapter 785 of the Acts of 1972, is
3 hereby amended by striking out in paragraph (a), clause (2), lines
4 13 and 14, the following words: "unless such services are provided
5 on an involuntary basis."

1 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 1174 of the Acts of 1973, is
3 further amended by striking out the comma after the word "health"
4 in line three of subparagraph (a) of section 47B and inserting in
5 place thereof the words "or the department of public health,".

1 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 1174 of the Acts of
3 1973, is hereby further amended by striking out the comma after
4 the word "health" in line three of subparagraph (a) of said section
5 and inserting in place thereof the words, "or the department of
6 public health."

1 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 1174 of the Acts of 1973, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the comma after the word
4 “health” in line three of subparagraph (a) of said section and
5 inserting in place thereof the words “or the department of public
6 health,”.