

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3314

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of David B. Cohen for legislation to provide for medical care for persons in mental health facilities. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

### AN ACT FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE FOR PERSONS IN MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The department of mental health shall identify all patients who  
2 require intermediate nursing services, skilled nursing services, and  
3 chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital services, who are  
4 currently residing in state mental health facilities, and provide  
5 identified patients with individual service plans. The commis-  
6 sioner shall submit a comprehensive statewide plan to provide  
7 appropriate services to identified patients, based on an analysis  
8 of the service recommendations made in said individual service  
9 plans.

10 The department of mental health shall implement twenty-five  
11 percent of the services planned in said comprehensive statewide  
12 plan by June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety; twenty-five  
13 percent by June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-one;  
14 twenty-five percent by June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and  
15 ninety-two; and twenty-five percent by June thirtieth, nineteen  
16 hundred and ninety-three. In no event shall any person identified  
17 as requiring the level of medical services described in this section  
18 reside on a department of mental health inpatient unit for longer  
19 than fourteen days after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and  
20 ninety-three.

