

By Mrs. Murray of Cohasset, petition of Mary Jeanette Murray, A. Joseph DeNucci, Frank A. Emilio, Kevin P. Blanchette and William G. Robinson that the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish and maintain a treatment program for alcoholics. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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. Section 3 of said Chapter 111B, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 1040 of the Acts of 1973, is hereby amended
3 by adding after definition of "halfway house for alcoholics" the
4 following definition: —

5 "Treatment Program," any public or private place, or portion
6 thereof, providing any type of inpatient recovery services, or out-
7 patient services, or both, designed especially for the treatment and
8 rehabilitation of alcoholics. This classification shall not include
9 detoxification facilities or halfway houses for alcoholics.

1 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 111B is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 6A the following section: —

3 *Section 6B.* The department shall be empowered to classify
4 treatment programs as defined under section 3 of this act and shall
5 issue for a term of two years, and may renew for like terms, a
6 license, subject to revocation by it for cause, to any person, other
7 than a department, agency or institution of the federal govern-
8 ment, the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof,
9 deemed by it to be responsible and suitable to establish and main-
10 tain a treatment program. In the case of a department, agency or
11 institution of the commonwealth or any political subdivision the-
12 reof, the department shall grant approval to establish and maintain

13 a treatment program for a term of two years, and may renew such
14 approval for like terms, subject to revocation by it for cause.

15 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations, estab-
16 lishing requirements and standards for licensing and approval of
17 treatment program. The requirements and standards established in
18 the rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to: —

19 (1) The need for the treatment program;

20 (2) The range of therapeutic programs designed to meet the
21 need of the patients of the treatment program;

22 (3) Licensing fees, applications and renovation procedures.

23 Each treatment program shall be individually licensed or
24 approved.

25 Each treatment program shall file with the department from
26 time to time, such data, statistics, schedules of information as the
27 department may reasonably require for the purposes of this sec-
28 tion, and any licensee or other person operating a treatment pro-
29 gram who fails to furnish such data, statistics, schedules or infor-
30 mation as required, or who files fraudulent returns thereof, shall be
31 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

32 The department, after holding a hearing in accordance with
33 chapter 30A, may refuse to grant, suspend, revoke, limit or restrict
34 the applicability of any license or approval for any failure to meet
35 the requirements of its rules, regulations or standards concerning
36 such treatment programs.

37 No person, excepting a department, agency or institution of the
38 federal government, the commonwealth or any political subdivi-
39 sion thereof, shall operate a treatment program without approval
40 from the department pursuant to this section. The superior court
41 shall have jurisdiction in equity to restrain any violation of the
42 provisions of this section and to take such other action as equity
43 and justice may require to enforce its provisions.

44 Whoever knowingly establishes or maintains a treatment pro-
45 gram without a license granted pursuant to this section shall be
46 punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

47 Each treatment program shall be subject to visitation and
48 inspection by the department and the department shall inspect
49 each treatment program prior to granting or reviewing a license or
50 approval. The department may examine the books and records and

51 accounts of any treatment program if it deems such examination is
52 necessary for the purpose of this section. The department is hereby
53 authorized to make a complaint to a district court, to a justice of
54 any court record or to a magistrate authorized to issue warrants,
55 who may thereupon issue a warrant to any officers or employees of
56 the department authorizing them to enter and inspect at reasonable
57 times, and to examine the books and accounts of any treatment
58 program refusing to consent to such inspection or examination by
59 the department which the department has reason to believe is
60 operating in violation of the provisions of this section.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation in the country. It is noted that the economy is still in a state of depression, and that the government has taken various measures to stimulate it. The report also discusses the social conditions, which are generally poor, and the need for social reforms. The second part of the report deals with the financial situation, and the need for a new financial policy. It is suggested that the government should increase its revenue, and reduce its expenditure. The third part of the report deals with the foreign relations of the country, and the need for a more active role in international affairs. It is suggested that the government should seek to improve its relations with the major powers, and to participate in international organizations.

The fourth part of the report deals with the internal security of the country, and the need for a more effective police force. It is suggested that the government should increase the number of police officers, and improve their training. The fifth part of the report deals with the education system, and the need for a more comprehensive system. It is suggested that the government should increase its expenditure on education, and improve the quality of the teaching. The sixth part of the report deals with the health services, and the need for a more organized system. It is suggested that the government should establish a central health authority, and improve the training of medical staff.

The seventh part of the report deals with the housing problem, and the need for a more organized system. It is suggested that the government should establish a central housing authority, and improve the quality of the housing. The eighth part of the report deals with the transport system, and the need for a more efficient system. It is suggested that the government should increase its expenditure on transport, and improve the quality of the services. The ninth part of the report deals with the labour market, and the need for a more organized system. It is suggested that the government should establish a central labour authority, and improve the training of workers. The tenth part of the report deals with the social services, and the need for a more comprehensive system. It is suggested that the government should increase its expenditure on social services, and improve the quality of the services.