§ 202. Construction and administration of public homes. 1. No building to be used as a public home shall be constructed, or remodeled, in whole or in part, except on plans and designs approved in writing by the department provided that such approval in writing in the city of New York shall be by the mayor of said city, and except that plans and designs for the construction of or remodeling in whole or in part of a public home infirmary, or the infirmary of a public home, shall be approved in accordance with the provisions of article twenty-eight of the public health law.

2. It shall be the duty of the department to send to the legislative body and the public welfare official in charge of a public home a written statement as to any abuses, defects or evils, which it may find in the public home or in the administration thereof, and such legislative body and official shall take action to remedy such condition in accordance with such advice.