'Life threatening' conditions cited

Boarding house probe

sought

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A boarding house on Staten Island's South Shore, the former Christmas Tree Inn in Princes Bay, the scene of a scandal eight years ago, continues to house welfare recipients and former psychiatric patients in what one Island legisla-

tor has charged are "life threatening" conditions.

Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly, a Democrat from West Brighton, has sent telegrams to the commissioners of the state's health, social services and mental health agencies and the city's Health Department, demanding an im-

mediate investigation of the 51 Wilber St. structure.

In her telegram and in interviews with the Advance, Mrs. Connelly said she has been told the three-story, woodframe building did not have adequate heat and hot water and violated city building code regulations.



The rubble from a Dec. 8 fire remains outside the Princes Bay building. The fire started in a storeroom filled with soiled mattresses. The mattresses are used by new residents

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