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By Mr. Hickey of Boston, petition of Anthony Mulligan and Francis J. Hickey, Jr., that handicapped children of subscribers to medical service plans be given continued coverage under the parent's family contract notwithstanding that such children are over nineteen years of age. Insurance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF SUBSCRIBERS TO MEDICAL SERVICE PLANS UNDER A FAMILY CONTRACT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES UNDER THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARENT NOTWITHSTANDING THAT SUCH CHILDREN ARE OVER NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.

*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 6 of chapter 176B of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by adding after paragraph (c) the follow-  
3 ing paragraph: —

4 (d) A statement that any child who is mentally or physi-  
5 cally incapable of earning his own living who is eligible for  
6 services by membership of his parent under a family contract  
7 shall be eligible under the membership of his parent as a  
8 member of such family contract so long as he continues to be  
9 mentally or physically incapable of earning his own living,  
10 without any limitation as to age, subject however, to such  
11 rules and regulations, premiums or additional premiums as  
12 the commissioner of insurance may approve.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph  
2 (d) of section six of chapter one hundred and seventy-six B  
3 of the General Laws, as added by section one of this act, any  
4 corporation organized for the purposes of and subject to said

5 chapter one hundred and seventy-six B shall cover any person  
6 mentally or physically incapable of earning his own living  
7 who had been covered under the membership of his parent  
8 as a member of a family contract, under the membership of  
9 his parent as a member of such family contract so long as  
10 said person continues to be mentally or physically incapable  
11 of earning his own living, notwithstanding the fact that the  
12 policy issued to such parent did not contain the provision  
13 required by said paragraph (d); subject, however, to such  
14 rules and regulations, premiums or additional premiums as  
15 the commissioner of insurance may approve.