

HOUSE No. 2286

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray relative to authorizing temporary shelter care centers for children to admit adults who accompany such children. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY SHELTER CARE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN TO ADMIT ADULTS WHO ACCOMPANY SUCH CHILDREN.

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 9 of chapter 28A of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 682 of the Acts of 1974, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the definition of a "temporary
4 shelter facility" and inserting in place thereof the following
5 definition: — "Temporary shelter facility," any facility which
6 operates to receive children under eighteen years of age and
7 adults accompanying such children for temporary shelter during
8 the day or night upon the request of such children or adults who
9 may accompany them, or when such children are placed there by
10 a placement agency, a law enforcement agency, or a court with
11 authority to make such placement. Temporary shelter care shall
12 not mean family foster care or a group care facility, or any facility
13 which imposes physical restraints upon its occupants such as a
14 police station or town lockup.

At the close of the day, the committee held a public hearing in the hearing room of the committee on the 15th day of the month.

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At the hearing, the committee heard the testimony of the witnesses and received the evidence in support of the bill.

The committee has the honor to acknowledge the assistance of the staff of the committee in the preparation of this report.