

HOUSE No. 1555

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Sharon M. Pollard, Carol C. Amick, Joan M. Menard, Mary Jane Gibson, David B. Cohen and another for legislation to authorize 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-Nine.

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 the Acts of 1974, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the definition of a "temporary shelter
4 facility" and inserting in place thereof the following definition: —
5 "Temporary Shelter Facility," any facility which operates to
6 receive children under eighteen years of age for temporary shelter
7 during the day or night upon the request of such children or when
8 such children are placed there by a placement agency, a law
9 enforcement agency, or a court with authority to make such
10 placement. Temporary shelter care shall not mean family foster
11 care or a group care facility, or a police station or town lockup.
12 Temporary shelter care facilities may receive adults accompanying
13 children if such facilities comply with licensing provisions of the
14 office of children.

