

SENATE No. 641

By Mr. Bulger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 641) of William M. Bulger and Daniel J. Foley for legislation to restore medical care for the indigent. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RESTORING MEDICAL CARE FOR THE INDIGENT.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide medical care for the indigent, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 1 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws,
2 most recently amended by Chapter 758 of the Acts of 1975,
3 is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence of the
4 first paragraph and substituting the following: —

5 Such assistance shall include payment for physician office
6 visits, basic dental care, drugs, laboratories, durable goods,
7 eye care, home health care, and inpatient, outpatient, and
8 chronic care in municipal, county, and private non-profit hos-
9 pitals, provided that the department shall require the use of
10 such generic drugs as are available and appropriate.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1980.

