

SENATE No. 647

By Mr. Doris, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 647) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to clarify the spend-down requirements for medically needy persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SPEND-DOWN REQUIREMENTS FOR
MEDICALLY NEEDY PERSONS.

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 10 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as most
2 recently by Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1977, is hereby further
3 amended by adding to the end of the second to last paragraph
4 the following sentence: —

5 Where an applicant or recipient needs medical services or
6 supplies each month on a continuing basis at a cost which
7 exceeds monthly excess income and a registered physician
8 certifies in writing to the Department that the applicant or
9 recipient will need such services or supplies throughout any
10 six month period for which eligibility is determined, the De-
11 partment will provide medical assistance for expenses above
12 monthly excess income in each month of such period and the
13 applicant or recipient shall be liable to pay for medical ex-
14 penses in each month in the amount of monthly excess in-
15 come.

