

SENATE No. 1507

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 20, 1976.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-six to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain new activities and projects (House, No. 4940), reports, in part, a "Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-six to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain new activities and projects" (Senate, No. 1507). (Estimated cost — \$46,000,000)

For the Committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN NEW ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

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. To provide for supplementing certain items in
2 the general appropriation act and for certain new activities and
3 projects, the sums set forth in section two for the several pur-
4 poses and subject to the conditions specified therein are hereby
5 appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically desig-
6 nated otherwise in the item, subject to the provisions of law
7 regulating the disbursement of public funds and the conditions
8 pertaining to appropriations in chapter six hundred and eighty-
9 four of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five, for the
10 fiscal year ending June the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
11 seventy-six or for such period as may be specified, the sums so
12 appropriated to be in addition to any amounts at present avail-
13 able for the purposes.

1 SECTION 2. Department of Public Welfare.

4402-5000 For a medical assistance program; provided, that all federal funds received for the purpose of this item shall be credited to the General Fund; and provided further, that no expenditure or commitment made pursuant to this item or to any agreements authorized by chapter eight hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Public Law 89-97, Title XIX, shall be incurred in excess of available funds which have been appropriated therefor; and provided, further, that all judgments, appeals and rate changes for services provided in a prior year but finally determined during the current fiscal year may

be paid from this account, subject to the approval of the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided, further, that optional services allowed under this item may be phased out at the discretion of the commissioner of public welfare consistent with the funding level of this item; and further provided, that the medical needy program so-called in this item shall cease effective January thirty-first unless a certificate is made by the commissioner of administration that sufficient funds are available from either state or federal sources to warrant the continuation of the program and that this item is increased by appropriation to properly fund said continuation.

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4406-2000 For a program of general relief; provided, that, notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, no increase in the budgetary standard allowance, so called, shall be granted or paid unless such increase shall have been approved in advance by the commissioner of administration after certification by the budget director that funds are available for such increase; and, provided further, that said commissioner shall notify in writing the house and senate committees on ways and means thirty days prior to the effective date of said increase.

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4408-1000 Item 4408-1000 of section two of chapter six hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — “and provided further, that purchased social services shall not be authorized at a monthly level that will cause expenditures to exceed the appropriation.”

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1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

