

HOUSE No. 3451

By Mr. Larkin of Needham, petition of Robert F. Larkin, Jr., for legislation to prohibit discrimination in public employment of disabled and handicapped persons. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 43 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 43A.* The application of a citizen of the commonwealth
- 4 for employment in any department of the commonwealth or any
- 5 political subdivision thereof shall not be affected solely because of
- 6 his disability or handicap if he is physically and mentally able to
- 7 perform the functions required by said employment.

