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By Mr. King of Danvers, petition of John G. King, John A. Businger, James G. Collins and Gregory William Sullivan for legislation to prohibit discrimination against recipients of medical assistance. Health Care.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

*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 18 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in section 1 of chapter 800 of the acts of 1969, is hereby amended
- 3 by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph: —
- 4 No provider participating in the program shall discriminate
- 5 against a person receiving assistance under this chapter in any
- 6 manner, nor shall said provider refuse services to or cease
- 7 providing services to a person solely on the basis that payment for
- 8 said services are provided under the provisions of this chapter.
- 9 Any person who finds that a participating provider is violating his
- 10 rights under this paragraph may bring or have brought on his
- 11 behalf, in addition to any other action allowed by law or
- 12 regulation, a civil action in the superior court against the
- 13 participating provider and against any person employed by said
- 14 provider who has violated or is about to violate any such right to
- 15 prevent and restrain any such violation and to recover damages
- 16 for any injuries sustained by reason of such violation.

