

HOUSE No. 498

By Mr. Duffin of Lenox, petition of John W. Bartels and others (county commissioners of Berkshire County) for legislation to provide for payment of medical expenses for welfare inmates in jails and houses of correction or other county prisons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR WELFARE INMATES IN JAILS AND HOUSES OF CORRECTION OR OTHER COUNTY PRISONS.

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

- 1 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 126 is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting therein the following new section: —
- 3 *Section 26A.* If medical or hospital services of any kind are
- 4 required by welfare inmates in any house of correction, jail or other
- 5 county prison, such medical expenses shall be reimbursed to the
- 6 county by State Department of Public Welfare upon vouchers
- 7 submitted by the Sheriff to said Welfare Department.

The first part of the report is devoted to a general survey of the
 progress of the work during the year. It is found that the
 progress has been very satisfactory, and that the
 objects of the institution have been
 fully attained. The second part of the
 report contains a detailed account of the
 various departments, and the
 services rendered by each. It is
 found that the work has been
 carried on in a most efficient
 manner, and that the
 interests of the
 community have been
 fully protected.