

By Mr. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 807) of Edward L. Burke, George Bachrach, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to increase the personal care allowance for residents of long term care facilities. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL CARE ALLOWANCE FOR RESIDENTS OF LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES.

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. Section 6 of chapter 118E of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in chapter 283 of the Acts of 1976 is hereby fur-
3 ther amended by inserting after the second paragraph the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph: —

5 All persons eligible for public assistance, as determined un-
6 der the provisions of this chapter who are not maintaining
7 their own homes but are receiving care in any licensed nursing
8 home, any licensed chronic hospital or in any approved public
9 medical institution, shall retain the first fifty dollars of their
10 monthly income for clothing, personal needs and leisure time
11 activities. If there is no such income, or if it is less than fifty
12 dollars, the recipient shall be paid monthly in advance the dif-
13 ference between such income and fifty dollars.

14 The department of public welfare shall by regulation pro-
15 vide that personal laundry costs shall not be charged to the
16 amount retained by or paid to the recipient pursuant to this
17 section.

18 Personal laundry costs shall instead be reimbursable through
19 the per diem rates established by the rate setting commission.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws,
2 most recently amended by Chapter 758 of the Acts of 1975,
3 is hereby further amended by inserting the following para-
4 graph at the end thereof: —

5 All persons eligible for public assistance, as determined un-

6 der the provisions of this chapter who are not maintaining
7 their own homes but are receiving care in any licensed rest
8 home shall retain the first fifty dollars of their monthly in-
9 come for clothing, personal needs and leisure time activities.
10 If there is no such income, or if it is less than fifty dollars, the
11 recipient shall be paid monthly in advance the difference be-
12 tween such income and fifty dollars.