

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 514) of Michael J. Barrett, Michael LoPresti, Jr., Richard A. Kraus, Frederick E. Berry, Royal L. Bolling, Sr., Salvatore R. Albano, John P. Burke, Mary L. Padula and Lois G. Pines for legislation to establish an initiative to prevent unintended pregnancies in Massachusetts. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INITIATIVE TO PREVENT UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

*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 2 of Chapter 18B of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by adding after Subsection 16, the  
3 following: —

4 (17) Comprehensive Family Planning Services.

1 SECTION 2. The General Law is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after Section 21 of Chapter 18B the following section: —

3 Section 22. Comprehensive Family Planning Services for  
4 Massachusetts residents.

5 COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES  
6 FOR MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

7 The Department of Social Services shall establish a program  
8 for comprehensive family planning services for all individuals  
9 without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, creed,  
10 handicap, sex, number of pregnancies, marital status, age or  
11 contraceptive preference, who do not receive medical assistance  
12 under chapter one hundred and eighty E.

13 Comprehensive family planning services furnished pursuant to  
14 this section shall be not less in scope than those comprehensive  
15 family planning services provided by the Department of Public

16 Welfare in its medical assistance plan. Services must be provided  
17 in a manner that protects the dignity of the individual, and all  
18 service providers must assure client confidentiality and provide  
19 safeguards for individuals against the invasion of personal privacy  
20 as required by the Federal Privacy Act, as amended. No  
21 information obtained by the project staff about individuals  
22 receiving services may be disclosed without the individual's  
23 consent, except as required by law or as necessary to provide  
24 services. Information may otherwise be disclosed only in  
25 summary, statistical, or other form that does not identify the  
26 individual. Use by any individual of comprehensive family  
27 planning services must be solely on voluntary basis.

28 The Department shall furnish such services to each individual  
29 residing in the Commonwealth whose available income does not  
30 exceed such standards for eligibility as are established by the  
31 department, provided that such standards shall not be less than  
32 two hundred percent of the non-farm income poverty guide-  
33 lines prescribed by the United States Department of Health and  
34 Human Services. The Department shall accept as verification of  
35 financial eligibility a sworn statement from the applicant seeking  
36 such services.

37 Comprehensive family planning services pursuant to this  
38 section shall be provided by agencies operating in whole or in part  
39 under 42us3000 or as comprehensive family planning agencies  
40 under the Department of Public Welfare or under the Department  
41 of Social Services.

42 The benefits of such program shall be available to all eligible  
43 individuals of the Commonwealth. Sufficient funds shall be  
44 appropriated to administer and to perform all the above services  
45 of this act. Within six months of the effective date of this Act,  
46 the Department shall promulgate regulations detailing eligibility  
47 criteria, services to be covered, and reimbursement policies. The  
48 Department shall adjust these regulations as necessary to conform  
49 with new standards of care.