

By Ms. Pines, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 593) of Lois G. Pines, Thomas S. Cahir, Henri S. Rauschenbach, Albert Herren, Nicholas J. Costello and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the creation of a program of medical care and assistance for certain citizens. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PROGRAM OF MEDICAL CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN CITIZENS.

*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 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 after Section 28, the following section:

3 Section 29. The department hereby is authorized to establish  
4 a program of medical care and assistance for certain disabled  
5 residents of the Commonwealth. The benefits of such program  
6 shall be available to all persons who are not eligible for medical  
7 assistance under any work incentive programs with federal  
8 financial participation and who meet the disability requirements  
9 for supplemental security income under the provisions of Title  
10 XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq., excluding  
11 the financial eligibility requirements and the requirement under  
12 section 1832c that in order to be considered disabled, an individual  
13 must be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity. The  
14 cost of the program shall be funded, in part, by premium  
15 contributions, co-payments and/or deductibles contributed by  
16 enrollees according to a sliding scale schedule designed by the  
17 department.

18 The department may adopt, promulgate, and amend rules and  
19 regulations suitable or necessary to carry out the provisions of  
20 this section. Such rules and regulations shall include a schedule  
21 of required enrollee contributions.

