

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1400**

By Mr. Cellucci, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1400) of Argeo Paul Cellucci for legislation relative to the spending practices of the Commonwealth. Ways and Means.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SPENDING PRACTICES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.**

*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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 9F the following new section: —

3 Section 9G. No more than one quarter of the money  
4 appropriated in any act shall be encumbered or, if not  
5 encumbered at a prior time, expended in the last quarter of the  
6 fiscal year. No account shall be spent at any time at a rate that  
7 under ordinary circumstances, would exhaust the appropriation  
8 before the end of the fiscal year. At least quarterly the Comptroller  
9 shall give written notification of the spending rate of each line item  
10 to the Secretary of his designee or designees, responsible for that  
11 line item. If any account is spent at any time at the rate that would  
12 exhaust the appropriation before the end of the fiscal year, the  
13 Comptroller shall take appropriate action, which may include  
14 suspending the use of the account, that reduces the spending rate  
15 to prevent overspending. Except for the emergency expenditures  
16 the Governor shall not request and the Senate and House  
17 Committee on Ways and Means shall not consider additional  
18 funding for the fiscal year. "Emergency expenditures" means  
19 expenditures that a competent administrator could not have  
20 reasonably anticipated.

