

HOUSE No. 5598

By Mr. Flaherty of Cambridge, petition of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the commitment of alcoholics. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE COMMITMENT OF ALCOHOLICS.

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 123, Section 3B of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the third sentence of the second paragraph the
3 sentences: — “Upon presentation of such a petition, if there is a
4 reason to believe that the alleged alcoholic person will not appear
5 upon a summons, a justice may issue a warrant for the apprehen-
6 sion and appearance before him of the alleged alcoholic person, if
7 in his judgement the condition or conduct of such person makes
8 action necessary and proper.” And by amending the first sentence
9 of the third paragraph by striking the word “fifteen” and inserting
10 in place thereof the word “thirty”.

