

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 28, 1982.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 648) of Robert A. Hall for legislation to establish a toll-free number for citizens to report cases of suspected welfare fraud; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 675) of Martin T. Reilly and John P. Burke for legislation to increase the penalties for fraudulently obtaining public welfare benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 676) of Martin T. Reilly for legislation to direct the Department of Public Welfare to implement an identification system of welfare recipients under aid to families with dependent children and the medical assistance programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 372) of Elizabeth N. Metayer that persons convicted of defrauding the Department of Public Welfare be declared ineligible to receive future payments from said department; the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 3501) of Bruce N. Freeman for legislation to establish within the Bureau of Welfare Auditing a toll-free telephone line for the reporting of welfare fraud; the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 4830) of Charles E. Silvia for legislation to terminate the services of welfare vendors convicted of fraud; the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 5040) of Charles E. Silvia for legislation to require photographs on identification cards of recipients of public medical care and assistance; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 5232) of Walter A. DiFilippi, Rudy Chmura, Robert J. Rohan and William E. Moriarty for legislation to require that public welfare identification cards bear the fingerprint of the holders of such cards, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6096) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KEVIN P. BLANCHETTE.

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

AN ACT TO REDUCE WELFARE FRAUD.

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 35 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section one of chapter 524 of the acts of
3 1980, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first para-
4 graph the following paragraph: —

5 Each year, the bureau of long term care of the rate setting
6 commission shall conduct field audits of not less than fifteen
7 percent of long term providers which fall under the jurisdiction of
8 said bureau.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 351 of the acts of 1981 is hereby amended
2 in section 2 by inserting after item 4100-0010 the following new
3 item: —

4100-0011.	For the purpose of conducting field audits of long term care facilities	80,000
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