HOUSE . . No. 3184

By Mr. Cawley of Boston, petition of Robert L. Cawley that the Department of Public Welfare be directed to establish social centers for certain elderly persons Social Welfare

The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO ES-TABLISH SOCIAL CENTERS FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY PERSONS THROUGH-OUT 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:

- The department of public welfare is hereby authorized and 2 directed to establish social centers for the use of persons over
- 3 the age of sixty in cities and towns throughout the common-
- 4 wealth which have a high percentage of such persons. Such
- 5 cities shall have as their principal purpose a means by which
- 6 the lives of such elderly persons may be enriched and made
- 7 more useful, and to dissipate loneliness. The centers shall be
- 8 staffed by professional personnel trained to work with the
- 9 elderly. For said purposes, the department may expend such
- 10 sums as may be appropriated therefor.

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