

By Mr. Flaherty of Cambridge, petition of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., relative to hospital care furnished to persons in need of public assistance. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING ASSISTANCE BY 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 117 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking section 21 and substituting in place therefor the
3 following: —

4 *Section 21.* If hospital care is furnished to a person in need
5 of public assistance by any person not liable by law for his
6 support, the commonwealth shall be liable for the expense of
7 such care necessarily incurred under this chapter after notice and
8 request made in writing and signed by such person to the
9 commissioner of public welfare, and until provision is made by
10 the department; but the commonwealth shall not be liable in a
11 sum exceeding the maximum amount set by the rate setting
12 commission in accordance with section 30L of chapter 7 for like
13 hospital care. The commonwealth shall also be liable under this
14 section for hospital care furnished to such a person during a
15 period not exceeding thirty days prior to such request.

