

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5178

By Mr. Flaherty of Cambridge, petition of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., relative to establishing demonstration projects to provide improved transportation facilities for the elderly. Transportation.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO PROVIDE IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

*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. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding at the end of section twenty-nine the  
3 following section:—

4 *Section 30.* The authority is authorized and directed to  
5 establish demonstration projects in and between cities and towns  
6 to provide improved transportation facilities for the elderly. Such  
7 demonstration projects shall include the operation of regular bus,  
8 mini-bus, taxicab and other vehicular service routes between  
9 elderly housing projects and shopping, recreational, medical care  
10 and other facilities. Such projects may be undertaken by contract  
11 with private organizations. The financing of such projects shall be  
12 undertaken with maximum utilization of federal grants and loans  
13 and may include public and private financing contributions and  
14 subsidies. The commonwealth may expend such sums as shall be  
15 appropriated to finance such projects. The routes and types of  
16 service shall be set forth in a plan or plans which shall be  
17 approved by the secretary of elder affairs.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

