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SENATE No. 702

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 702) of Jack H. Backman for legislation to require hearings regarding the adequacy of welfare. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING HEARINGS REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF WELFARE.

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. The General Court declares it to be in the in-
2 terest of the commonwealth that there be a public annual re-
3 view of the adequacy with which the assistance grant levels
4 proposed by the department of public welfare meet the basic
5 needs of recipients of public assistance.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, is
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the follow-
3 ing: —

4 D. The commissioner shall hold public hearings for the pur-
5 pose of receiving testimony regarding the adequacy of the
6 assistance grant levels at least once during every legislative
7 session.

