

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2803

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By Mr. Palumbo of Newbury, petition of Thomas G. Palumbo relative to the treatment and protection of the mentally ill. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE TREATMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE MENTALLY ILL.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The seventh paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 12 of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Section 1 of chapter 571 of  
3 the acts of 1980, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
4 third clause and inserting in place thereof the following clause:

5 A substantial risk of physical impairment or injury to the per-  
6 son himself as manifested by evidence that such persons' judgment  
7 is so affected that he is unable to protect himself in the commu-  
8 nity, in this case the phrase "unable to protect himself" shall in-  
9 clude the inability to find shelter from the elements and the in-  
10 ability to obtain nourishment, and that reasonable provision for  
11 his protection and treatment is not available in the community.

