

HOUSE No. 5331

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 23, 1987.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1700) of William R. Keating, Frederick E. Berry, Kenneth M. Lemanski, Gregory L. Sullivan, Michael W. Morrissey, John F. Cox and W. Paul White for legislation to extend the adult foster care program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2346) of Lawrence R. Alexander and other members of the House for legislation to promote programs for foster care for elders in the Department of Elder Affairs, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3492) of Henry R. Grenier relative to promoting programs for foster care for elders in the Department of Elder Affairs, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5331) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PAUL KOLLIOS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROMOTING PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER CARE FOR ELDERS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS.

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 4 of Chapter 19A, as most recently amended by Chapter
2 563 of the Acts of 1986, is hereby further amended by adding after
3 subparagraph (p) the following —
4 (q) to promote, coordinate the development of, and provide as
5 a home care program service adult foster care that provides frail
6 elders with an alternative to institutionalization, an alternative to
7 institutional respite care, and/or an interim placement following
8 discharge from an acute hospitalization; provided that in addition
9 to any ordinary sliding fee payments, the cost to the elderly client
10 for room and board shall not exceed the per diem cost of room
11 and board charged to persons receiving adult foster care services
12 under the provisions of Chapter 118E; provided also that elderly
13 clients receiving adult program services, as determined by the
14 department; provided also that host families providing care
15 through an adult foster care program shall have only limited
16 access to respite care services provided through the home care
17 program, as determined by the department; and provided also that
18 new adult foster care programs shall not be established in
19 communities already served by viable local adult foster care
20 programs.