

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 431) of Michael J. Barrett, Christopher J. Hodgkins, John E. McDonough, Barbara Holdt, Joseph K. Mackey and other members of the House of Representatives for legislation to improve recipients access to medical services in certain geographic areas. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO IMPROVE RECIPIENTS ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES IN CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.

1 *Whereas*, Certain geographic areas in the commonwealth have
2 not attained 85 percent physician enrollment in the Medicaid
3 program.

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 27 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end of the second paragraph the
3 following: —

4 In carrying out the above enumerated activities in cooperation
5 with the department of public welfare, the department of public
6 health shall, in accordance with the public health council's duties
7 and responsibilities under Section 3 of Chapter 111, require
8 successful applicants for a certificate of need that are located in
9 an area of the commonwealth where Medicaid participation by
10 physicians is less than 85 percent to make its facilities and medical
11 services available to recipients. The department of public health
12 shall determine whether the shortage of medical services available
13 to recipients in any geographic area in the commonwealth
14 constitutes a substantial threat to the health of the recipients, and
15 if so, shall arrange or directly provide the medical services
16 necessary to resolve the threat to the health and well-being of
17 recipients.

