

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4224

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

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 person
- 6 himself as manifested by evidence that such person's judgment is
- 7 so affected that he is unable to protect himself in the community,
- 8 in this case the phrase "unable to protect himself" shall include
- 9 the inability to find shelter from the elements and the inability
- 10 to obtain nourishment, and that reasonable provision for his
- 11 protection and treatment is not available in the community.

