

HOUSE No. 1577

By Mr. Herren of Fall River, petition of Albert Herren for legislation to enhance the safety of vulnerable elders and disabled persons by providing for personal emergency response system services in the homes of such persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF VULNERABLE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS BY PROVIDING FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM SERVICES IN THEIR HOMES.

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 6 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by inserting after the end thereof the following: —
- 3 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, the
- 4 department shall provide reimbursement for personal emergency
- 5 response system services for elderly persons and disabled persons
- 6 who are eligible for medical assistance under the provisions of this
- 7 chapter, and who are homebound, alone for significant periods
- 8 of time, and who are determined to be at risk for a medical
- 9 emergency which might require or result in a need for
- 10 hospitalization or institutional care.

