

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander, Geoffrey C. Beckwith, Byron Rushing, Kevin G. Honan, Nicholas J. Costello and Frances F. Alexander relative to control of costs by the Department of Public Welfare and providing for the protection of welfare clients. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO CONTROL WELFARE COSTS AND PROTECT WELFARE CLIENTS.

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 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 7 the following new section: —

4 Section 7A. An innholder shall not charge more for a guest
5 who is referred by and whose room charge is paid by the depart-
6 ment of public welfare than he or she charges any other customer
7 for the equivalent services. Any guest who is referred by and whose
8 room charge is paid for by the department of public welfare shall
9 be entitled to the same services available to other customers pay-
10 ing the same charge and may not be discriminated against in the
11 use of these services.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 22A the following new section: —

4 Section 22B. Whoever, being licensed as a lodging house
5 keeper under sections twenty-two to thirty-one, inclusive, or as
6 an innholder, or, being licensed under section thirty-two A to
7 thirty-two E, inclusive, or being in actual charge, management or
8 control of such lodging house, inn or premises for which the
9 license is issued, shall not charge more for a guest who is referred

10 by and whose room charge is paid by the department of public
11 welfare than he or she charges any other customer for the
12 equivalent services. Any guest who is referred by and whose room
13 charge is paid for by the department of public welfare shall be
14 entitled to the same services available to other customers paying
15 the same charge and may not be discriminated against in the use
16 of these services.