

By Mr. Serra of Boston, petition of Emanuel G. Serra relative to providing adequate security for elderly persons and handicapped people in public housing. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

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. Declaration of Urgent Need for Security in
2 Senior/Handicapped Housing. It is hereby declared by the general
3 court that the level of protection provided to seniors and disabled
4 people in public housing does not meet adequate public safety
5 standards and adversely affects the quality of life of those citizens.
6 It is hereby found and declared that the expenditures associated
7 with this legislation constitute a public need.

1 SECTION 2. The commonwealth acting by and through the
2 department of community affairs may enter into a contract or
3 contracts with local housing authorities to study, evaluate,
4 implement and maintain an adequate security/public safety
5 program within public housing developments. The program shall
6 include but not be limited to police presence, security presence,
7 education and information programs, training sessions and
8 programs tailored to specific development need. The evaluation
9 must include communication and planning with local police,
10 tenants and local housing authority employees.

1 SECTION 3. The commonwealth, acting by and through the
2 department of community affairs may enter into a contract or
3 contracts not to exceed three million dollars for the purposes of
4 a security/public safety program as described in Section 2.

