

SENATE No. 494

By Mr. Wall, a petition of the Massachusetts Medical Society, by Robert W. Buck for legislation to allow persons receiving public welfare to select their own physician. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS RECEIVING PUBLIC WELFARE TO
CHOOSE THEIR OWN PHYSICIAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 781 of the Acts of 1960 as amended by Chapters
2 591 and 621 of the Acts of 1964, is further amended by striking
3 out Section 20 and inserting in place thereof the following:
4 "Section 20. For the purpose of securing efficient adminis-
5 tration of medical assistance for aged, the department may
6 adopt rules and regulations, but no rule or regulation shall
7 be adopted restricting the free choice of physicians by the
8 applicant. The department shall supervise the administration
9 of the granting of medical assistance for the aged and it may
10 take such action as may be necessary or desirable for carrying
11 out its purposes in conformity with the requirements govern-
12 ing granting of federal aid."

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