

HOUSE No. 2732

By Mr. Desmond of Lowell, petition of John J. Desmond and Felix R. Perrault for legislation to further regulate the medical care and assistance payments by the Commonwealth. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING MEDICAL CARE AND ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 117 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 24A, as most recently amended by chapter
3 885 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 24A.* Medical care or assistance furnished under this
6 chapter shall be in accordance with the provisions of chapter
7 118E.

8 If hospital care is furnished to a person not eligible for
9 assistance under chapter one hundred and eighteen E but deter-
10 mined by the department to be in need of public assistance in
11 accordance with standards established by the department by
12 any person not liable for his support, the commonwealth shall
13 be liable for the expense of such necessary care after an
14 application for assistance to the department on a form pre-
15 scribed by the department and a determination that the person
16 receiving such care is eligible for such assistance; but the
17 commonwealth shall not be liable in a sum exceeding the
18 maximum amount established by the rate setting commission
19 for such care. The commonwealth shall be liable under this
20 section for such hospital care furnished to such person during a
21 period not exceeding thirty days prior to such application.

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Section 17 of the Federal Food and Drug Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 17. (a) Any person who manufactures, distributes, or sells in interstate commerce any food, drug, or cosmetic which is adulterated or misbranded, or who transports or exports in interstate commerce any such article, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both, and shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000.

(b) Any person who manufactures, distributes, or sells in interstate commerce any food, drug, or cosmetic which is adulterated or misbranded, or who transports or exports in interstate commerce any such article, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000.

(c) Any person who manufactures, distributes, or sells in interstate commerce any food, drug, or cosmetic which is adulterated or misbranded, or who transports or exports in interstate commerce any such article, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000.

(d) Any person who manufactures, distributes, or sells in interstate commerce any food, drug, or cosmetic which is adulterated or misbranded, or who transports or exports in interstate commerce any such article, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000.

(e) Any person who manufactures, distributes, or sells in interstate commerce any food, drug, or cosmetic which is adulterated or misbranded, or who transports or exports in interstate commerce any such article, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000.