

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., and Robert L. Howarth that the Department of Medical Services be directed to establish a retraining fund for labor shortages in hospitals. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETRAINING FUND.

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 83 of Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1988 is hereby amended
- 2 by deleting the first and second paragraphs and inserting in place
- 3 thereof the following: —
- 4 The Department of Medical Services shall establish a fund for
- 5 the purposes of addressing the critical labor shortage facing
- 6 hospitals. Said fund shall be administered by the department
- 7 according to regulations promulgated by the department and
- 8 approved by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Human
- 9 Services and by the Secretary of Administration and Finance.
- 10 Projects financed through said funds shall be directed to programs
- 11 for occupations where there is demonstrated direct hospital
- 12 benefit.
- 13 Projects shall include, but not be limited to, training of health
- 14 care workers, the development of career ladders within the health
- 15 care professions, and the establishment of day care programs at
- 16 hospitals and other health care facilities.
- 17 Funds for this pool shall be provided by a one-time assessment
- 18 for fiscal 1988 on each acute care hospital equal to one-tenth of
- 19 one percent of the gross patient service revenues for fiscal year
- 20 1988 of such hospital approved under Chapter 6A of the General
- 21 Laws.

