

HOUSE No. 5658

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 30, 1991.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 558) of W. Paul White, Robert A. Durand, Michael J. Barrett, Michael LoPresti, Jr., and Lois G. Pines for legislation to provide special assistance to the homeless, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 989) of Albert Herren for legislation to provide basic assistance to battered, homeless, deinstitutionalized and other non-employable persons, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3424) of Bryon Rushing and other members of the General Court relative to providing special assistance to the homeless, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5658) ought to pass.

For the committee,

BYRON RUSHING.

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

AN ACT TO VERIFY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS.

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 22 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph: —
3 The department shall accept as verification of medical incapacity
4 for any program administered by the department the written
5 report of a physician who is licensed and authorized by G.L. 112,
6 s2; a nurse practitioner who is licensed and authorized by
7 G.L. 112, s80B; a physician's assistant who is licensed and
8 authorized by G.L. 112, s9E; a podiatrist who is licensed and
9 authorized by G.L. 112, s13; a psychologist who is licensed and
10 authorized by G.L. 112, s118; or a psychiatric nurse mental health
11 clinical specialist who is licensed and authorized by G.L. 112, s80B
12 to diagnose or evaluate mental or physical disorders. Reimburse-
13 ment by the department for any such diagnosis or evaluation shall
14 not be contingent on the results of the examination.