The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MAJORITY REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION ON

REORGANIZATION PLAN No. 2 of 1993

(submitted by the Governor under the
provisions of Article LXXXVII of the
Amendments to the Constitution)

RELATIVE TO REORGANIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
TO MAKE THE OPERATION OF
GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT.

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HOUSE, NO. 5090

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO MAKE THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT.

Under the provisions of Article 87 of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Governor filed House, No. 5090 on May 17, 1993. The petition would reorganize the Department of Public Welfare and transfer the Medicaid and CommonHealth programs from said department to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, to be managed by the Division of Medical Assistance.

The undersigned contend that the proposed reorganization plan is meritorious, and should be accepted by the legislature. Authorizing the Division of Medical Assistance to administer the Medicaid and CommonHealth programs from the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services will position Massachusetts to meet the health care challenges ahead, help maximize all federal revenues and keep costs efficiently managed, and ensure that state and federal mandates for the 10 agencies which are involved in providing or regulating Medicaid services are being coordinated and carried out.

The undersigned, therefore, recommend that the petition ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted:

Sen. Lucile P. Hicks       Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins
Rep. Marsha R. Platt
Rep. John A. Businger
Sen. Stanley C. Rosenberg