

HOUSE No. 4258

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of the Legislative Council for Older Americans and Marie. E. Howe relative to establishing a companionship program for elderly persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPANIONSHIP PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY PERSONS.

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

1 An act providing for a companionship program for elderly
2 persons, currently receiving homemaker services but who are in
3 need of an additional four hours of coverage. Said companions
4 should be first recruited among senior citizens and shall be com-
5 pensated with a minimum wage or the maximum pay allowable
6 without causing a reduction in any current fixed income which the
7 person is receiving.

8 This program shall be administered by the Department of Elder-
9 ly Affairs.

