

HOUSE No. 3686

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson and other members of the House relative to encouraging the treatment and protection of mentally ill persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE TREATMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE MENTALLY ILL.

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

1 The seventh paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 123 of the
2 General Laws as most recently amended by Section 1 of chapter
3 571 of the acts of 1980 is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 third clause and inserting in place thereof the following clause:
5 A substantial risk of physical impairment or injury to the person
6 himself as manifested by evidence that such person's judgement is
7 so affected that he is unable to protect himself in the community, in
8 this case the phrase "unable to protect himself" shall include the
9 inability to find shelter from the elements and the inability to
10 obtain nourishment, and that reasonable provision for his pro-
11 tection and treatment is not available in the community.

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