

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 407) of Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr and Edward G. Connolly for legislation to require the Division of Medical Assistance to provide reimbursement for home health agencies for the costs associated with criminal background screening. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCIES FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING.

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 1. Section 172E of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 inserted by section 3 of chapter 336 of the acts of 1998, is hereby
3 amended by striking the fourth paragraph and inserting the
4 following in place thereof:—

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
6 the contrary, the division of medical assistance shall, subject to
7 appropriation, reimburse long term care facilities and home health
8 agencies (as defined in section seventy-two F of chapter one hun-
9 dred and eleven) for the portion of their costs associated with
10 obtaining criminal offender record information on employees pur-
11 suant to this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

