

By Mr. Melia of Boston, petition of Kevin H. White and John F. Melia that the Commonwealth assume all costs of caring of victims of tuberculosis. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH ASSUME ALL COSTS OF CARING FOR VICTIMS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 80 and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:—

4 *Section 80.* The commonwealth shall pay the cost of providing  
5 general health supplies care, services, and accommodations for  
6 any tuberculosis patient in the commonwealth who is hospitalized  
7 under sections seventy-eight and seventy-nine of the chapter. If a  
8 patient is unable to pay or if a third party payor is responsible, the  
9 department shall collect from the payor such rates as are  
10 established by the Rate Setting Commission.

11 Patients who are receiving or are eligible to receive public  
12 assistance shall have their charges fixed in accordance with the  
13 provisions of the particular category of public assistance  
14 applicable to them.

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