

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and other members of the House and another that the Department of Human Services be directed to establish and maintain temporary supportive residences for women. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY SUPPORTIVE RESIDENCES FOR WOMEN.

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 department of human services is hereby mandated to direct
2 the department of public welfare to recognize housing for women
3 as a priority and to sponsor thereby, the establishment of
4 temporary supportive residences for women.

5 Eligibility for the residences shall be non-stigmatizing and shall
6 be based upon housing needs as the primary service, inclusive but
7 not limited to, women in need of other services, such as women in
8 need of protective shelters and women in transition.

9 Duration of stay at the residences shall be on a temporary
10 basis, from one month to six months. Services of the residences
11 shall be in-house counseling with referral to other services in the
12 community.

