HOUSE No. 1500

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition of Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation to protect the assets of spouses of residents of nursing homes. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT ASSETS OF THE SPOUSE OF A NURSING HOME RESIDENT.

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

Section 21A of Chapter 188E of the General Laws, is hereby

2 modified by adding the following phrase at the end of subsection

3 (2)(v):-

- 4 Provided that the division shall establish the maximum commu-
- 5 nity spouse resource allowance permissible under 42 U.S.C.
- 6 s.1396-r(5)(f)(2).