

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition of Byron Rushing, J. James Marzilli, Jr., Patricia D. Jehlen, Thomas M. McGee and John A. Stefanini relative to intravenous drug abuse in the Commonwealth and the implementation of a needle exchange program. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 5 of Chapter 111E of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following  
3 sentences:—

4 This comprehensive program shall be extended to include the  
5 treatment for all drug users meeting appropriate eligibility criteria  
6 established by the division. Treatment shall include aggressive  
7 outreach, counseling and education on drug treatment options and  
8 the prevention of communicable diseases; detoxification services;  
9 short and long term rehabilitation; outpatient care; and specialized  
10 youth, AIDS, and women's services. In addition to programs of  
11 the department, treatment shall be made available through correc-  
12 tional facilities, shelters, and all state agencies providing services  
13 to drug dependent persons.

14 Implementation of this program shall begin on July 1, 1997 and  
15 be completed by June 30, 2000.

...of the House of Representatives ...

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.