

By Mr. Lynch of Barnstable, petition of John E. Murphy, Jr., A. Joseph DeNucci, Thomas K. Lynch, Barney Frank and Barbara E. Gray that provision be made for medical assistance for monthly expenses of certain medically needy persons. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SPEND-DOWN REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICALLY  
NEEDY PERSONS.**

*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 ten of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by chapter 825 of the act of 1977, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding to the end of the second to last para-  
4 graph the following sentence:

5 Where an applicant or recipient needs medical services or sup-  
6 plies each month on a continuing basis at a cost which exceeds  
7 monthly excess income and a registered physician certifies in writ-  
8 ing to the Department that the applicant or recipient will need such  
9 services or supplies throughout any six month period for which  
10 eligibility is determined, the Department will provide medical  
11 assistance for expenses above monthly excess income in each  
12 month of such period and the applicant or recipient shall be liable  
13 to pay for medical expenses in each month in the amount of  
14 monthly excess income.

