

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of James J. Fiorentini relative to providing medical care in housing projects for the elderly. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE IN HOUSING PROJECTS FOR THE ELDERLY.

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 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 853 of the acts of 1970, is
3 hereby further amended by adding after subsection (f) the
4 following subsection:—

5 (g) The board may, at its option, set aside one dwelling unit
6 in any housing project occupied by more than one hundred
7 elderly persons, or one dwelling unit in each building occupied
8 by more than fifty elderly persons, for a licensed physician or
9 for a nurse licensed under sections seventy-four, seventy-four
10 A, or seventy-six A of chapter one hundred and twelve. Pro-
11 vided, however, that such doctor or nurse agree in writing to
12 provide emergency medical assistance, when necessary, to the
13 residents at nominal cost.

14 Such emergency medical assistance shall be considered pay-
15 ment in lieu of rent and other payments authorized by section
16 thirty-two of this chapter, provided, however, that if such
17 doctor or nurse becomes physically or mentally unable to
18 provide such services, his rent shall be determined in accor-
19 dance with section thirty-two of this chapter, and one other
20 unit may be made available to another doctor or nurse pur-
21 suant to this subsection. No more than three rental units per
22 one hundred units available shall be reserved in any given
23 project or building under this subsection.

24 First priority in the selection of said doctor or nurse shall be
 25 given to elderly persons of low income as defined in section
 26 26J, who meet all financial eligibility requirements of this
 27 chapter, provided, however, that if no such person is available
 28 the financial eligibility requirements of this chapter, including
 29 those requirements of section 26FF, shall not apply.