

HOUSE No. 5533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 29, 1992.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2082) of Barbara E. Gray and David P. Magnani relative to the women, infants and childrens' program at the Framingham Correctional Institution, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5533) ought to pass.

For the committee,

SALLY P. KERANS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WOMEN AT MCI FRAMINGHAM AND WOMEN, INFANTS,
AND CHILDREN PROGRAMS.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the
2 Department of Public Health and the Department of Corrections
3 are directed to implement the group and individual nutrition,
4 health education, and counseling components of the Women,
5 Infants, and Children (WIC) program, for incarcerated mothers
6 and expectant mothers at MCI Framingham. Food checks and
7 referrals to the appropriate WIC office shall be issued to eligible
8 women immediately prior to release. This program is authorized
9 by s. 123 of U.S. Public Law 101-147 which extends the WIC
10 program to incarcerated women at the option of the state.