

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia relative to the preferred employment of handicapped persons in the public service. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREFERRED EMPLOYMENT OF HANDICAPPED 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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1986  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting immediately after  
3 section 78A the following new sections: —

4 Section 78B. The commission shall adopt regulations providing  
5 for the employment of handicapped persons by public agencies  
6 and by providers and contractors under contract with public agen-  
7 cies. Said regulations shall establish and provide for the enforce-  
8 ment of a preference for the employment of such handicapped  
9 persons, shall provide for a system of notification of job vacancies  
10 that shall ensure that handicapped persons and facilities and pro-  
11 grams serving mentally ill, mentally retarded and other handi-  
12 capped persons are given timely information regarding job  
13 vacancies, and, subject to appropriation, shall provide for appro-  
14 priate training, support and informational services designed to  
15 increase the employment of such handicapped persons.

16 Section 78C. The commission shall adopt regulations providing  
17 for the employment of handicapped persons by private agencies.  
18 Said regulations shall establish, subject to appropriation, for the  
19 implementation of a system of incentives whereby private agen-  
20 cies shall be encouraged to give preference to the employment of  
21 handicapped persons.

