

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of Paul W. White for legislation to authorize certain homeless and unemployed persons to reside at facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN HOMELESS AND UNEMPLOYED PERSONS TO RESIDE AT FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

*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 10 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by section 4 of chapter 356 of the acts of 1976, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding the following paragraph: —  
4 (d) The department shall adopt regulations for the voluntary  
5 admission to a residential facility operated by the department of  
6 any person who is homeless and unemployed by reason of mental  
7 illness, mental retardation or alcoholism. The department shall  
8 have the responsibility of providing residential shelter to such a  
9 person and he shall not be discharged from such shelter without his  
10 consent. The department shall maintain a complaint office to  
11 record complaints and verify their remedy.

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