

HOUSE . . . . . No. 6012

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 6, 1985.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4193) of Roberta R. Goldman and another for legislation to regulate the boarding of certain mentally retarded persons, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6012) ought to pass.

For the committee,

A. JOSEPH DENUCCI.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACING OF CERTAIN MENTALLY RETARDED  
PERSONS IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

*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 1. Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 24 the following section: —

3 Section 24A. (a) In accordance with its regulations the depart-  
4 ment may place a mentally retarded person, twenty-two years of  
5 age or older, who is a community client or group home client, in a  
6 sheltered workshop. The cost to the commonwealth for the serv-  
7 ices of said workshop for such person, in or out of the geographical  
8 service area of the person, shall be equal to the daily cost for each  
9 home client as determined by the rate setting commission under  
10 Chapter 6A., which amount shall not exceed the daily cost of the  
11 care of any such person from a group home.

12 (b) The bill for the support of such persons who are placed in a  
13 sheltered workshop by the department of shall be payable monthly  
14 by the commonwealth and shall be audited by said department,  
15 which shall at the end of each month, present to the comptroller a  
16 schedule of all such bills incurred and shall keep a register in such  
17 form that the comptroller shall be able to verify the schedule.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July first nineteen  
2 hundred and eighty-five.