

By Mr. Sisitsky, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 316) of Alan D. Sisitsky and Chester G. Atkins for legislation to facilitate the provision of multiple service programs by the Executive Office of Human Services. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF MULTIPLE SERVICE PROGRAMS BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding, after section 36, the following section: —

3 *Section 37.* In order to assure the adequate, efficient and
4 economic provision of human services to persons with multiple
5 needs, the executive office of human services may, subject
6 to appropriation, contract with one or more private agencies
7 for the purchase of such services for persons who are eligible
8 for the services of an agency listed in section sixteen; pro-
9 vided that, in the opinion of the secretary of human services,
10 a) no one such agency has the resources, authority, and capa-
11 bility to provide all of the services necessary to meet ade-
12 quately the needs of the persons served; or b) the needs of
13 persons eligible for the services of more than one such agency
14 can best be met through a single purchase of service con-
15 tract entered into and monitored by said executive office.

16 Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish or
17 negate the powers of any agency listed in section sixteen to
18 contract with one another or with any public or private agency
19 for the purchase of service as otherwise authorized by law.

