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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

1978

Acts and Resolves

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

PAUL GUZZI, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Chap. 426. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO ESTABLISH A FOSTER HOME PROGRAM FOR AGED AND DISABLED ADULTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The department of public welfare is hereby authorized and directed to establish a foster home program for persons who, due to age or disability, are incapable of living in a home setting without the presence and assistance of another person.

Said department shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this act. Said rules and regulations shall establish eligibility criteria for aged and disabled residents of foster homes; eligibility criteria for foster homes, including but not limited to, the number of elderly and disabled residents, the training and other qualifications for persons providing foster home care, requirements regarding the nutritional and personal care services rendered in foster homes, and health, fire, safety and space requirements for foster homes; and requirements regarding the medical supervision of foster home residents by a hospital or clinic licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws.

The department shall investigate all potential sources of federal funding for such foster home care and shall take all necessary steps to secure such funding.

The department shall at the outset of the program establish criteria to evaluate the program's cost-effectiveness and life enhancement features compared to level three long term facilities and other alternative modes of care.

On or before May thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eighty, the department shall report its findings to the clerk of the house of representatives and shall recommend to the legislature whether the program should be extended, altered or eliminated.

Approved July 13, 1978

Advance Copy of Chap. 426 of the Acts of 1978, the same being "An Act Authorizing the Department of Public Welfare to Establish a Foster Home Program for Aged and Disabled Adults".

In City Council,
Sept. 11, 1978

*Referred to the
City Manager.*

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