

HOUSE No. 1164

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to require the Division of Medical Assistance to reimburse hospitals for the costs of psychiatric patients hospitalized on medical units. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO REIMBURSE HOSPITALS FOR THE COSTS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS ON MEDICAL UNITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The Division of Medical Assistance shall ensure that in cases
- 2 where mentally ill patients are hospitalized on medical units, that
- 3 the hospital shall be reimbursed for services provided at the Divi-
- 4 sion's standardized payment amount per discharge rate.