

SENATE NO. 701

AN ACT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

*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. The Secretary of Administration and Finance and the Secretary of Health and Human
2 services are hereby authorized and directed to evaluate the feasibility of contracting for recycling
3 durable medical equipment purchased and issued by the Commonwealth through any and all of its
4 medical assistance programs.

5 Said evaluation shall include but not be limited to a request for qualifications and/or proposals
6 for entities capable of developing, implementing and operating a system of recycling whereby an
7 inventory of such equipment is developed and managed so as to maximize the quality of service
8 delivery to equipment recipients and to minimize costs and losses attributable to waste, fraud and/or
9 abuse.

10 The Secretary of Administration and Finance shall report the findings of said evaluation,
11 together with cost estimates for the operation of a recycling program, estimates of the savings it would
12 generate, and legislative recommendations, no later than October 31, 2007.