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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Buoniconti, Stephen (SEN)**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act governing removal of certain occupants to clients of the Department of Social Services.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act governing removal of certain occupants to clients of the Department of Social Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17A of chapter 186 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 4 the words “of mental health”.

SECTION 2: Subsection (a) of said section 17A of chapter 186, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

“As used in this section, “department” shall mean the department of Mental Health, Social Services or Transitional Assistance”.