

SENATE No. 1812

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the appropriate use of public funds.

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. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end the
2 following additional section:-

3 “Section 72. Services Provided by the Department of Corrections and Municipal Jails

4 No public funds shall be expended for the purpose of sex reassignment surgery for any
5 person in the custody of any jail or prison in the commonwealth.

6 No public funds shall be expended for the purpose of laser hair removal for any person in
7 the custody of any jail or prison in the commonwealth.

8 No public funds shall be expended for the purpose of hormone replacement therapy for
9 any person in the custody of any jail or prison in the commonwealth except for a use, prescribed
10 by a physician, other than preparation for sex reassignment surgery.

11 If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances
12 is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the chapter

- 13 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
- 14 provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.”