

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Boston, petition of Daniel M. O'Sullivan that cities and towns be authorized to borrow on account of public welfare and veterans' benefits. Municipal Finance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO BORROW ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND VETERANS' BENEFITS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which in part is to make immediately opera-  
3 tive, in view of the existing financial emergency in certain cities  
4 and towns, the provisions of this act authorizing cities and towns  
5 to borrow certain sums during the current year and the next  
6 succeeding year on account of expenses for public welfare and  
7 for aid to veterans, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an  
8 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
9 public convenience.

*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. Subject to the provisions of this act, any city or  
2 town, by a two-thirds vote as defined in section one of chapter  
3 forty-four of the General Laws, and with the approval of the  
4 mayor or selectmen and of the emergency finance board es-  
5 tablished under section one of chapter forty-nine of the acts of  
6 nineteen hundred and thirty-three, may borrow in each of the  
7 years nineteen hundred and fifty-nine and nineteen hundred  
8 and sixty, inside its limit of indebtedness as prescribed by sec-  
9 tion ten of said chapter forty-four, for use only for meeting ap-  
10 propriations made or to be made for public welfare, including in  
11 such term old age assistance, aid to dependent children, and dis-  
12 ability assistance, and for veterans' benefits to an amount not  
13 more than one half of one per cent of the average of the asses-

14 ors' valuation of its taxable property for the three preceding  
15 years, such valuation to be reduced and otherwise determined  
16 as provided in said section ten of said chapter forty-four, and  
17 may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face  
18 the words (name of city or town) Municipal Relief Loan, Act  
19 of 1959. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan,  
20 and such loans shall be paid in not more than five years from  
21 their dates, as said board shall fix, and, except as herein provided,  
22 shall be subject to said chapter forty-four, exclusive of the limita-  
23 tion contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

24 Loans may be issued hereunder in the year nineteen hundred  
25 and fifty-nine or nineteen hundred and sixty, as the case may  
26 be, only by a city or town which in such year has appropriated  
27 to be raised by taxation, or appropriated from available funds  
28 for the purposes enumerated in the preceding paragraph, an  
29 amount not less than one hundred per cent of the aggregate of  
30 its expenditures made in the year preceding the year of issue for  
31 old age assistance, aid to dependent children and disability as-  
32 sistance to be met otherwise than from the proceeds of federal  
33 grants, and of its expenditures made in said preceding year for  
34 veterans' benefits, together with an amount equal to not less  
35 than one hundred per cent of its expenditures made in said pre-  
36 ceding year for all public welfare purposes, all as determined by  
37 the board.

38 If a loan under authority of this act has been approved by  
39 said board during the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine or  
40 nineteen hundred and sixty for a city or town, the amount of  
41 any appropriation voted by such city or town for said year for  
42 public welfare, including in such term old age assistance, aid  
43 to dependent children, disability assistance, and veterans' bene-  
44 fits, shall not be reduced during the said year by appropriation,  
45 transfer or otherwise, except with the written approval of the  
46 board. Whenever used in this act, the words "veterans' bene-  
47 fits" shall include the forms of aid to veterans now or formerly  
48 known as state aid, military aid, soldiers' relief, and soldiers'  
49 burials, or any words or phrases connoting the same.

1 SECTION 2. The members of the board aforesaid, when acting  
2 under this act, shall receive from the commonwealth compensa-

tion to the same extent as provided for services under chapter three hundred and sixty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, as amended, including chapter seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five.

SECTION 3. A loan order voted in any city under authority of this act shall be deemed to be an emergency order and as such may be passed in such manner as is provided for emergency orders or ordinances in its charter, and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final favorable action thereon by its city council or chief executive, as the case may be, or upon expiration of any period specified by such charter for the approval or disapproval of such orders by its chief executive in any case where he fails to approve or disapprove such an order within such period, notwithstanding any provision of general or special law or ordinance to the contrary; provided, that in the city of Boston such loan orders may be passed in the manner provided in its charter for loan orders for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.

SECTION 4. In any city a loan order under authority of this act may be passed by vote of two thirds of all the members of the city council, or of each branch thereof where there are two branches, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

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