

HOUSE No. 325

By Mr. Downey of Brockton, petition of Joseph H. Downey relative to reimbursements by the Commonwealth to cities and towns granting adequate assistance to certain aged persons. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four.

An Act relative to the Reimbursements by the Commonwealth of Cities and Towns granting Old Age Assistance.

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 three of chapter one hundred and eighteen
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 section three of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-two, is
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the fourth
6 line, the words "one third" and inserting in place
7 thereof the words: — two thirds, — and by striking
8 out, in the eighth line, the words "two thirds" and
9 inserting in place thereof the words: — one third, —
10 so as to read as follows: — *Section 3.* In respect to
11 all aged persons in receipt of assistance under this
12 chapter, the town rendering the assistance shall be
13 reimbursed by the commonwealth for two thirds of

14 the amount of assistance given, or, if the person so
15 aided has no settlement in the commonwealth, for
16 the total amount thereof. If the person so aided has
17 a legal settlement in another town, one third of the
18 amount of such assistance given may be recovered
19 in contract against the town liable therefor in
20 accordance with chapter one hundred and seven-
21 teen. All accounts against the commonwealth for
22 allowances to cities and towns on account of moneys
23 paid for which they are entitled to reimbursement
24 by the commonwealth hereunder shall be rendered to
25 the department on or before June fifteenth annually,
26 and shall be for the twelve months ending on the
27 thirtieth day of April preceding, and, if rendered as
28 aforesaid, approved by the department and certified
29 by the comptroller but not otherwise, shall be paid
30 by the commonwealth.