

SENATE No. 24

To accompany the petition of P. Eugene Casey for legislation relative to adequate assistance to certain aged persons and allocating to such assistance a larger share of the proceeds accruing from pari-mutuel horse and dog racing. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Persons and allocating to Such Assistance a Larger Share of the Proceeds accruing from Pari-mutuel Horse and Dog Racing.

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. Section one of chapter one hundred
2 and eighteen A of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter three hundred and twenty-eight
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, is
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the third
6 and thirteenth lines, respectively, the word "seventy"
7 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the
8 word: — sixty, — so as to read as follows: — *Section*
9 *1.* Adequate assistance to deserving citizens in need
10 of relief and support sixty years of age or over who
11 shall have resided in the commonwealth not less than
12 twenty years immediately preceding the date of

13 application for such assistance, subject to such rea-
14 sonable exceptions as to continuity of residence as
15 the department of public welfare, in this chapter
16 called the department, may determine by rules here-
17 inafter authorized, shall be granted under the super-
18 vision of the department. Financial assistance granted
19 hereunder shall be given from the date of application
20 therefor, but in no event before the applicant reaches
21 the age of sixty, and in determining the amount of
22 assistance to be given for any period preceding the
23 date on which the application was favorably passed
24 upon, consideration shall be given to the amount of
25 welfare relief, if any, given to such applicant during
26 said period under any other provision of law. Such
27 assistance shall, wherever practicable, be given to the
28 aged person in his own home or in lodgings or in a
29 boarding home, and it shall be sufficient to provide
30 such suitable and dignified care. No person receiving
31 assistance hereunder shall be deemed to be a pauper
32 by reason thereof.

1 SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter one
2 hundred and eighteen A, as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary edition, is hereby amended by adding at
4 the end the following: — No rule shall be made under
5 this chapter establishing minimum payments of less
6 than ten dollars weekly to persons aided hereunder, —
7 so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* The depart-
8 ment shall supervise the work done and measures
9 taken by the boards of public welfare of the several
10 towns in respect to persons aided and service given
11 under this chapter; and for this purpose may make
12 such rules relative to notice and reimbursement, and
13 such other rules relating to the administration of this

14 chapter, as it deems necessary, and may visit any
15 person aided, and shall have access to any records and
16 other data kept by the boards of public welfare or
17 their representatives relating to such assistance, and
18 may require the production of books and papers and
19 the testimony of witnesses under oath. No rule
20 shall be made under this chapter establishing minimum
21 payments of less than ten dollars weekly to persons
22 aided hereunder.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and twenty-
2 eight A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
3 striking out section fifteen, as appearing in section
4 three of chapter three hundred and seventy-four of
5 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-four, and
6 inserting in place thereof the following: —

7 *Section 15.* The entire receipts paid into the state
8 treasury under this chapter, after deducting therefrom
9 the amount of expenses incurred by the commission
10 in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, shall, on
11 or before December first each year, be distributed by
12 the state treasurer to the several cities and towns, in
13 proportion to the amounts of state tax imposed
14 upon such cities and towns in that year; and all
15 money so received by cities and towns hereunder
16 shall be expended by them for the old age assistance.

The first part of the book is devoted to a general history of the
 country, and to a description of the various parts of it. The
 second part contains a particular history of the several
 kingdoms, and a description of the manners and customs
 of the people. The third part is a history of the
 reigns of the several monarchs, and a description of the
 events that happened during their reigns. The fourth part
 is a history of the wars that have been fought in the
 country, and a description of the battles and sieges that
 have been fought. The fifth part is a history of the
 religion of the country, and a description of the
 various sects and orders that have been founded. The
 sixth part is a history of the sciences and arts of the
 country, and a description of the various schools and
 universities that have been founded. The seventh part
 is a history of the commerce of the country, and a
 description of the various trade and manufactures that
 are carried on. The eighth part is a history of the
 government of the country, and a description of the
 various laws and customs that have been made. The
 ninth part is a history of the military of the country,
 and a description of the various arms and weapons that
 are used. The tenth part is a history of the navy of
 the country, and a description of the various ships and
 vessels that are built. The eleventh part is a history
 of the colonies of the country, and a description of the
 various settlements that have been made. The twelfth
 part is a history of the present state of the country,
 and a description of the various improvements that
 have been made.