

CHAP. XCIV.

An Act in addition to an Act ascertaining what shall constitute a legal settlement in any Town or District within this Commonwealth.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That so much of an act ascertaining what shall constitute a legal settlement of any person in any town or district within the Commonwealth, so as to entitle him to support therein, in case he becomes poor, and stands in need of relief; and for repealing all laws heretofore made respecting such settlement, passed the eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, as is contained in the fourth paragraph of the second section of said act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Former act repealed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person of twenty one years of age, being a citizen of this, or any of the United States, having an estate of inheritance or freehold in any town, district, or city, within this Commonwealth, and living on the same three years successively, shall thereby gain a settlement in the same, so as to entitle him or her to support therein, in case he or she becomes poor, and stands in need of relief.

Conditional relief.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person, standing in need of relief, shall be supported in any town, district, or city, in this Commonwealth, other than in the one in which such person may have a legal settlement, the town, district, or city, in which such person has a legal settlement, shall not, in any case, be subjected to a greater expense, than at the rate of one dollar per week, during the continuance of such supplies; *provided,* the town, district or city, in which such person has a legal settlement, shall cause such pauper to be removed within thirty days from the time of receiving legal notice, that such support has been furnished.

Rate of expense for poor persons.

[Approved by the Governor, February 21st, 1822.]