

HOUSE No. 599

By Mr. Johnson of Brockton, petition of Adolph Johnson for legislation to provide for quarterly reimbursements by the Commonwealth to cities and towns for old age assistance. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR QUARTERLY REIMBURSEMENTS
BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE CITIES AND TOWNS
FOR 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 1. Chapter one hundred and eighteen A
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out section seven, as appearing in section one of
4 chapter four hundred and thirty-six of the acts of
5 nineteen hundred and thirty-six, and inserting the
6 following in place thereof: —

7 *Section 7.* Money received by the commonwealth
8 from the federal government as a grant for old age
9 assistance shall be paid to the several towns as allotted
10 by the department, and each town rendering assistance
11 under this chapter shall also be reimbursed by the
12 commonwealth for two thirds of the remainder of
13 such disbursements or for all of such remainder if the
14 person so assisted has no legal settlement in the

15 commonwealth. If a person so assisted has a legal
16 settlement in another town, one third of the remainder
17 of the amount of assistance given may be recovered
18 in contract against the town liable therefor in accord-
19 ance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and
20 seventeen. All money so received by the towns shall
21 be kept in a separate account and shall be used for
22 old age assistance only as specified by the department,
23 notwithstanding the provisions of section forty-three
24 of chapter forty-four.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and eighteen
2 A is hereby amended by striking out section eight, as
3 so appearing, and inserting the following in place
4 thereof: —

5 *Section 8.* All accounts against the commonwealth
6 for allowances to the towns on account of moneys paid
7 for which they are entitled to reimbursement by the
8 commonwealth hereunder shall be rendered to the
9 department on or before the fifteenth day of January,
10 the fifteenth day of April, the fifteenth day of July
11 and the fifteenth day of October each year, and shall
12 be for the three months ending on the last day of the
13 month preceding, and, if rendered as aforesaid,
14 approved by the department and certified by the
15 comptroller, but not otherwise, shall be paid by the
16 commonwealth. Failure to comply with the rules
17 and regulations of the department shall be ground
18 for disapproval of any account.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be effective on April
2 first, nineteen hundred and forty-two.