

HOUSE No. 1816

By Messrs. McDonough of Boston and Downey of Brockton, petition of Patrick J. McDonough and Joseph H. Downey for an amendment of the law relative to the granting of old age assistance to certain aged persons. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING OF 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 Chapter one hundred and eighteen A of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 five the following new section:—

4 *Section 5A.* Membership in fraternal benefit socie-
5 ties or other organizations paying sick and death
6 benefits shall not disqualify an applicant or recipient
7 from receiving assistance under this chapter and
8 benefits received from such societies shall not be
9 considered as an income or resource if it is needed
10 and used to pay for medical treatment or care in
11 case of sickness or accidents.

12 It is further suggested by the commission that the
13 general court should amend section four of the old
14 age assistance law as last amended by chapter four

15 hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of nineteen hun-
16 dred and thirty-eight by inserting after the word
17 "exceeds" in the sixth line the words "an average of"
18 and by striking out in the seventh line the words "in
19 each of" and inserting the word "during" so that
20 this section will read as follows: