

# SENATE . . . . No. 474

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To accompany the petition of Charles F. Jeff Sullivan that bureaus of old age assistance in cities and towns be separated from departments of public welfare. Pensions.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT SEPARATING THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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 two of chapter one hundred  
2 and eighteen A of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section two of chapter four hundred and forty of the  
4 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out the first sentence  
6 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

7 Each city and town shall establish a bureau of old  
8 age assistance to perform its duties under this chapter.  
9 No member or agent of the department of public  
10 welfare shall be the agent or disbursing officer of said  
11 bureau, but this shall not prevent selectmen who are  
12 also overseers of the poor from acting in their capac-  
13 ity as selectmen or through an agent appointed by  
14 the selectmen who is not an agent of the overseers of  
15 the poor.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect in any city  
2 which accepts it by a vote of the city council and in  
3 any town which accepts it by vote at a town meeting,  
4 provided in either case such vote is taken prior to  
5 January first, nineteen hundred and forty-two.