

At the request of Mr. Wenzler of Boston, the petition of John B. Wenzler for legislation relative to the regulation of rentals for dwelling accommodations, was taken from the files of the preceding annual session. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RENTAL OF DWELLING ACCOMMODATIONS.

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. The amount charged for the rental of
2 any accommodation for dwelling purposes on January
3 first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, shall not be
4 increased by a sum in excess of ten per cent of such
5 amount, unless the actual and reasonable cost of
6 repairs or alterations made in such accommodations
7 prior or subsequent to said date warrant an increase
8 in rental in excess of ten per cent. In such event the
9 amount of such additional increase shall be deter-
10 mined by the municipal or district court within the
11 judicial district of which such dwelling accommoda-
12 tion is located on petition thereto of the owner of the
13 same or his duly authorized agent.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall take
2 effect upon the expiration or repeal of existing rent
3 control by the federal government.

