

HOUSE No. 1299

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of James M. Curley (mayor of Boston) that the benefits of the old age assistance law be extended to inmates of certain institutions supported in whole or in part by public funds. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXTENDING THE BENEFITS OF THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE LAW SO-CALLED TO INMATES OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS.

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 of chapter 118A of the General Laws is
2 hereby further amended by inserting after the first
3 paragraph the following paragraph: —

4 A person otherwise qualified hereunder who is an
5 inmate of a home or institution, other than penal or
6 correctional, maintained in whole or in part by public
7 funds for the support and care of persons who are
8 destitute, infirm, or chronically ill, shall be eligible
9 for assistance if the facilities of such home or institu-
10 tion with respect to construction, sanitation and gen-
11 eral hygiene are in conformity with standards pre-
12 scribed by the department of public health and depart-

13 ment of public safety for safeguarding of the health,
14 safety and comfort of the inmates; and any assistance
15 granted to an inmate of such home or institution may
16 be used by him to purchase care and maintenance
17 therein.