

# SENATE . . . . No. 40

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To accompany the petition of Edward C. Peirce for legislation to reduce to sixty years the age at which persons shall be eligible to receive old age assistance. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT REDUCING THE AGE AT WHICH PERSONS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TO SIXTY YEARS.

*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, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out,  
3 in the second and twelfth lines, as appearing in sec-  
4 tion 1 of chapter 489 of the acts of 1943, the word  
5 "sixty-five" and inserting in place thereof, in each  
6 instance, the word: — sixty, — so that the first two  
7 sentences shall read as follows: — Adequate assist-  
8 ance to deserving citizens in need of relief and support  
9 sixty years of age or over who shall have resided in  
10 the commonwealth not less than three years during  
11 the nine years immediately preceding the date of appli-  
12 cation for such assistance and who shall have resided  
13 in the commonwealth continuously for one year im-  
14 mediately preceding said date of application shall be

15 granted under the supervision of the department of  
16 public welfare, in this chapter called the department.  
17 Financial assistance granted hereunder shall be given  
18 from the date of application therefor, but in no event  
19 before the applicant reaches the age of sixty, and in  
20 determining the amount of assistance to be given for  
21 any period preceding the date on which the applica-  
22 tion was favorably passed upon, consideration shall  
23 be given to the amount of welfare relief, if any, given  
24 to such applicant during said period under any other  
25 provision of law.