

SENATE No. 445

To accompany the petition of George W. Stanton for legislation to increase the aid to blind persons. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE AID TO BLIND PERSONS BY THE DIVISION OF THE BLIND.

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 23 of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 458 of the acts of
3 1947, is hereby further amended by striking out, in
4 line 9, the word "forty" and inserting in place thereof
5 the word: — fifty, — so that the first paragraph will
6 read as follows: — The director may ameliorate the
7 condition of the blind by devising means to facilitate
8 the circulation of books, by promoting visits among
9 the aged or helpless blind in their homes, by aiding
10 individual blind persons with money or other assist-
11 ance, including the furnishing of medical care, or by
12 any other method he may deem expedient; provided,
13 that contributions by the division for aid to any blind
14 person shall be based on the needs of the recipient,
15 with a minimum of fifty dollars per month, less what-
16 ever resources he may have.

