

SENATE No. 361

To accompany the petition of John B. Atkinson and another for legislation relative to the payment of hospital care furnished to recipients of old age assistance. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL CARE FURNISHED TO RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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 most recently amended by chapter 683 of the acts of
3 1945, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 last paragraph of such section, as inserted by section
5 two of chapter 532 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in
6 place thereof the following paragraph:—

7 Expenses for hospital care rendered to an aged
8 person may be paid directly to the person or hospital
9 furnishing such service. Expenses for medical and
10 other services rendered to an aged person which
11 remain unpaid at the time of his commitment to an
12 institution as an insane person, or expenses for similar
13 services rendered to an aged person which remain
14 unpaid at the time of his death, and also the expenses
15 of his funeral may be paid directly to the person fur-

16 nishing such services; and, in addition, expenses for
 17 medical and other services rendered to an aged person
 18 may be paid directly to the person furnishing such
 19 services, subject to any rule or regulation of the
 20 department relative to reimbursement under this
 21 chapter, in any case where such payment is necessary
 22 to discharge an obligation incurred in securing such
 23 services for such aged person.