
To accompany the petition of Charles Della Penna for legislation to increase aid to blind persons. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL AID TO BLIND PERSONS.

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

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 23 of
2 said chapter 69, inserted by chapter 551 of the acts of
3 1951, is hereby amended by striking out the word
4 "four", in line 5, and inserting in place thereof the
5 word:— five, — so as to read as follows:— The director
6 of the division of the blind shall include in the budget of
7 each recipient of aid to the blind, an item to be known

8 as "Incidental Expenses Arising from Blindness",
 9 under which there shall be paid to each such recipient,
 10 in addition to any other sum paid to him, the sum of
 11 five dollars.

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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 first sentence of section 2B of chapter
 2 8B of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 42B of
 3 the acts of 1947, is hereby amended by striking out the
 4 word "five", in line 2, and inserting in place thereof
 5 the word "five", so as to read as follows:—The
 6 division may, in its discretion, the condition of the fund by
 7 paying money to facilitate the education of blind
 8 or paralytic blind persons, the blind or partially blind in
 9 their homes, by aiding individual blind persons with
 10 money or other resources, including the furnishing of
 11 medical care or by any other method in any other
 12 respects; provided, that contributions for the division
 13 be not to any blind person shall be based on the basis of
 14 the recipient, with a maximum of fifty dollars per
 15 month, but whatever amount he may have.

1 Section 2. The second paragraph of section 2B of
 2 said chapter 8B inserted by chapter 551 of the acts of
 3 1951, is hereby amended by striking out the word
 4 "five", in line 5, and inserting in place thereof the
 5 word "five" — so as to read as follows:—The division
 6 of the division of the fund shall in each fiscal year be paid
 7 to each recipient of all to the fund, as soon as he has