
To accompany the petition of the Senior Citizens & Associates of America, by Charles C. O'Donnell, president, for legislation to re-establish the old age assistance fund. Joint Ways and Means.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RE-ESTABLISHING THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE FUND.

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. Chapter 118A of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 11, as amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 540 of the acts of 1955, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 11.* There shall be established and set up on
6 the books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be
7 known as the old age assistance fund, consisting of re-
8 ceipts credited to said fund under chapter sixty-four B,
9 section fifteen of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A
10 and section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and
11 thirty-eight. Said fund, subject to appropriation, shall
12 be used for the reimbursement of cities and towns by
13 the commonwealth for assistance given to aged persons
14 under the provisions of this chapter, and shall be used
15 for expenses incurred by the department of public wel-
16 fare for administration and supervision of such assistance.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 128A of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 15, as most re-
3 cently amended by section 2 of chapter 540 of the acts
4 of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
5 tion:—

6 *Section 15.* The receipts paid into the state treasury

7 under this chapter, after deducting therefrom the amount
8 of expenses incurred by the commission in carrying out
9 the provisions of this chapter, shall be credited to the
10 old age assistance fund established under section eleven
11 of chapter one hundred and eighteen A; except that so
12 much of the payments as are made under section five
13 by licensees conducting racing meetings in connection
14 with a state or county fair shall be held as a separate
15 fund for use in carrying out the provisions of para-
16 graph (f) of section two of chapter one hundred and
17 twenty-eight.

1 SECTION 3. Section 27 of chapter 138 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 3 of chap-
3 ter 540 of the acts of 1955, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
5 thereof the following sentence:— All fees for licenses
6 and permits authorized to be granted by the commission
7 under this chapter and all moneys payable under section
8 twenty-one shall be paid into the state treasury and after
9 deducting therefrom the expenses of the commission,
10 there shall be credited to the old age assistance fund es-
11 tablished under section eleven of chapter one hundred
12 and eighteen A the sum of five hundred thousand dollars
13 monthly so that said fund shall be credited annually with
14 a sum of six million dollars, and the balance shall be
15 credited to the general fund.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 64B of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 10, as most re-
3 cently amended by section 4 of chapter 540 of the acts
4 of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following
5 section:—

6 *Section 10.* All sums received under this chapter as
7 excise, penalties or forfeitures, interest, costs of suit and
8 fines shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth
9 and shall be credited to the old age assistance fund estab-
10 lished under section eleven of chapter one hundred and
11 eighteen A; provided, that one third of the sums re-

12 ceived under this chapter shall be distributed to cities
13 and towns on a basis determined by the commissioner
14 of public welfare and the state tax commission, to be
15 applied only to meet their share of assistance furnished
16 under chapter one hundred and eighteen A.

1 SECTION 5. Section 9 of chapter 729 of the acts of
2 1941 is hereby amended by striking out the last sen-
3 tence, as amended by section 5 of chapter 540 of the
4 acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following
5 sentence:— The proceeds of taxes assessed under this
6 section shall be paid over to the old age assistance fund
7 established by section eleven of chapter one hundred and
8 eighteen A of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 6. Section 9A of said chapter 729 of the acts
2 of 1941 is hereby amended by striking out the last sen-
3 tence, as amended by section 6 of said chapter 540 of
4 the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing sentence:— The proceeds of taxes assessed under
6 this section shall be paid over to the old age assistance
7 fund established by section eleven of chapter one hun-
8 dred and eighteen A of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 7. Section seven of chapter five hundred
2 and forty of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five
3 is hereby repealed.

