

SENATE . . . . No. 566

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, March 22, 1956.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was recommitted the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 279) of Albert S. Previte, Jr., and Thomas E. Watman, Esq., for legislation relative to the disposition of certain legacies of distributive shares of deceased persons wherein the legatees or distributees reside in countries under communist control, report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 566).

For the committee,

RICHARD H. LEE.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN LEGACIES OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARES OF ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS WHEREIN THE LEGATEES OR DISTRIBUTEES RESIDE IN COUNTRIES UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 206 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 27A the following section:—  
3 *Section 27B.* Whenever payment of a legacy or dis-  
4 tributive share is to be made to a person who is domi-  
5 ciled in a country or state outside of the United States  
6 or its territories, in which the court, in its discretion,  
7 finds that there is not a reasonable assurance that such  
8 legatee or distributee will actually receive payment of  
9 his legacy or distributive share in substantially full  
10 value, the court, upon petition of the executor, adminis-  
11 trator, or an interested party, or in its discretion, may  
12 order that such legacy or distributive share be paid, in  
13 whole or in part, to said executor, administrator, or in-  
14 terested party for use by him in the purchase of goods in  
15 the form of necessaries of life, food, clothing and medi-  
16 cines, to be sent to such legatee or distributee through  
17 a recognized public or private agency, upon his written  
18 request, order, or assignment.