

SENATE No. 107

To accompany the petition of Albert A. Wheeler that provision be made for adequate assistance to certain aged inmates of benevolent institutions. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Inmates of Benevolent Institutions.

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. Section one of chapter one hun-
2 dred and eighteen A of the General Laws, in-
3 serted by section one of chapter four hundred
4 and two of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 thirty, is hereby amended by inserting after the
6 word "care" in the twelfth line the following
7 sentence:—No person otherwise eligible to re-
8 ceive assistance hereunder shall be deemed to be
9 ineligible to receive, nor shall he be refused,
10 such assistance because he is an inmate of, and
11 is being supported in, an institution maintained
12 by any benevolent or fraternal association, so-
13 ciety or corporation; and such assistance granted
14 to any such person shall be in an amount not
15 less than ten dollars per month and shall be paid

16 directly to such person and not to or through
17 such institution, — so as to read as follows:—
18 *Section 1.* Adequate assistance to deserving cit-
19 izens in need of relief and support seventy years
20 of age or over who shall have resided in the
21 commonwealth not less than twenty years im-
22 mediately preceding arrival at such age, subject
23 to such reasonable exceptions as to continuity
24 of residence as the department of public welfare,
25 in this chapter called the department, may deter-
26 mine by rules hereinafter authorized, shall be
27 granted under the supervision of the depart-
28 ment. Such assistance shall, wherever prac-
29 ticable, be given to the aged person in his own
30 home or in lodgings or in a boarding home, and
31 it shall be sufficient to provide such suitable and
32 dignified care. No person otherwise eligible to
33 receive assistance hereunder shall be deemed to
34 be ineligible to receive, nor shall he be refused,
35 such assistance because he is an inmate of, and
36 is being supported in, an institution maintained
37 by any benevolent or fraternal association, so-
38 ciety or corporation; and such assistance granted
39 to any such person shall be in an amount not
40 less than ten dollars per month and shall be
41 paid directly to such person and not to or through
42 such institution. No person receiving assistance
43 hereunder shall be deemed to be a pauper by
44 reason thereof.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become operative
2 on July first of the current year.

