

SENATE No. 94

To accompany the petition of Edward H. King and others for legislation relative to the reimbursement of cities and towns for money expended in rendering assistance under the old age assistance law, so called. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR MONEY EXPENDED IN RENDERING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE LAW, SO CALLED.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 one hundred and eighteen A of the General
2 Laws, inserted therein by section one of chapter four
3 hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and thirty-six, is hereby amended by striking out
5 section eight and inserting in place thereof the follow-
6 ing:—

7 *Section 8.* Any town rendering assistance under
8 this chapter shall also be reimbursed by the common-
9 wealth for two thirds of the remainder of such dis-
10 bursements or for all of such remainder if the person

11 so assisted has no settlement in the commonwealth.
12 If the person so assisted has a legal settlement in
13 another town, one third of the remainder of the amount
14 of assistance given such person may be recovered in
15 contract against the town liable therefor in accordance
16 with chapter one hundred and seventeen. All ac-
17 counts against the commonwealth for allowances to
18 towns on account of moneys paid for which they are
19 entitled to reimbursement by the commonwealth
20 hereunder shall be rendered to the department semi-
21 annually on June fifteenth and December fifteenth
22 and shall be for the six months ending on the thirtieth
23 day of April and on the thirty-first day of October,
24 respectively, next preceding, and, if rendered as afore-
25 said, approved by the department and certified by the
26 comptroller, but not otherwise, shall be paid by the
27 commonwealth semi-annually; provided, that such
28 accounts for the six months aforesaid for allowance to a
29 town, if rendered at any time prior to the sixtieth day
30 after the close of the current fiscal year of the town,
31 may be received, and, in the discretion of the depart-
32 ment and upon certification by the comptroller, be
33 allowed and paid when an appropriation therefor has
34 been made. Failure to comply with the rules and
35 regulations of the department shall be ground for
36 disapproval of any account. All moneys received
37 by towns under this section shall be considered as
38 receipts of the local bureaus of old age assistance and,
39 any provisions of section fifty-three of chapter forty-
40 four notwithstanding shall be expended for purposes
41 specified by the local boards of public welfare.