

SENATE No. 18

To accompany the petition of Eugene H. Giroux for legislation relative to the amount of bonds to be executed by certain recipients of old age assistance. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE EXECUTED BY CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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 four of chapter one hundred and eighteen A
2 of the General Laws as amended by chapter four
3 hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of nineteen hun-
4 dred and thirty-eight, is hereby amended by striking
5 out the words "three thousand" wherever they appear
6 in said section and inserting in place thereof, in each
7 instance, the words:— five thousand,— so as to
8 read as follows:— *Section 4.* The ownership of an
9 equity in vacant land from which no income is de-
10 rived or in real estate upon which an applicant
11 actually resides shall not disqualify him from receiv-
12 ing assistance under this chapter; provided, that if
13 such equity, computed on the basis of assessed valua-
14 tion, exceeds five thousand dollars in each of the five

15 years immediately preceding his application, the
16 board of public welfare of the town rendering such
17 assistance, or the bureau of old age assistance estab-
18 lished by such board, shall, through the appropriate
19 town official, require such applicant to execute a
20 bond in a penal sum at least equal to the amount of
21 the equity in excess of five thousand dollars, running
22 to the treasurer of the town, conditioned on repay-
23 ment to such town of all amounts of such assistance,
24 without interest, such bond to be secured by mortgage
25 of the applicant's real estate. Every such bond and
26 mortgage shall be forthwith entered for record in the
27 proper registry of deeds or registry district of the
28 land court, as the case may be, and the register of
29 deeds or assistant recorder of the land court shall
30 thereupon record or register such bond and mortgage
31 without fee. Out of the proceeds realized by the
32 town from any such bond and mortgage or from the
33 estate of a person granted assistance under this chap-
34 ter, or both, the federal government, through the
35 commonwealth, shall be reimbursed to an amount
36 not exceeding the amount contributed by it in such
37 case and the remainder shall be apportioned between
38 the commonwealth and the town furnishing the
39 assistance in proportion to the amounts of their
40 respective contributions.