

SENATE No. 178

To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts Selectmens Association, by Axel T. Zetterman, executive secretary, for legislation relative to reimbursement by the Commonwealth of certain cities and towns in connection with aid to dependent children. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS IN CONNECTION WITH AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section six,
3 as appearing in section one of chapter four hundred
4 and thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 thirty-six, and inserting in place thereof the fol-
6 lowing:—

7 *Section 6.* In respect to all sums disbursed for aid
8 under this chapter, the city or town disbursing the
9 same shall, after approval of the bills by the depart-
10 ment, and subject otherwise to section forty-two of
11 chapter one hundred and twenty-one, be reimbursed
12 to the extent of moneys received by the common-
13 wealth from the federal government on account of

14 such disbursement under the provisions of the fed-
15 eral social security act, approved August fourteenth,
16 nineteen hundred and thirty-five as hereinafter pro-
17 vided. Any city or town rendering assistance under
18 this chapter shall be reimbursed by the common-
19 wealth for one third of the total amount disbursed
20 in all cases where the person or persons assisted have
21 a legal settlement. If the person or persons so as-
22 sisted have a legal settlement in another city or town
23 the remainder of the amount of assistance given,
24 after deduction of federal grants, shall be chargeable
25 against the city or town of legal settlement and may
26 be recovered in contract against the city or town
27 liable therefor in accordance with chapter one hun-
28 dred and seventeen. If the person or persons assisted
29 have no settlement in the commonwealth, the full
30 amount disbursed shall, after deduction of federal
31 grants, be reimbursed by the commonwealth to the
32 city or town making such disbursements in accordance
33 with the provisions of section forty-two of chapter
34 one hundred and twenty-one.