
By Mr. Caples, petition of Richard R. Caples for legislation to authorize the city of Boston to re-establish rent control in said city. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO RE-ESTABLISH RENT CONTROL IN SAID CITY.

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. The general court finds and declares that a
2 serious public emergency still exists with respect to the hous-
3 ing of a substantial number of citizens in the city of Boston
4 which has resulted in a substantial shortage of rental housing
5 accommodations; that unless residential rents and eviction of
6 tenants are regulated and controlled in said city, such emer-
7 gency and the inflationary pressures resulting therefrom will
8 produce serious threats to the public health, safety and gen-
9 eral welfare of its citizens; and that such emergency should
10 be met immediately to enable said city to establish rent
11 control.

1 SECTION 2. The city of Boston may, by vote of the city
2 council provide for the re-establishment of rent control until
3 such date, not later than December thirty-first, nineteen hun-
4 dred and sixty, as shall be specified in such vote. Maximum
5 rents shall be no greater than the maximum rents in effect on
6 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, subject,
7 however, to adjustment by a local rent board to remove hard-
8 ships or to correct other inequities. Said city may by like vote
9 at any time prior to said December thirty-first rescind such
10 acceptance. No vote accepting this act shall be valid unless it

11 includes a declaration that a substantial shortage of rental
 12 housing accommodations exists in said city and that the control
 13 of rents therein is necessary in the public interest.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.