
By Mr. Hennigan, petition of William J. Lally and James W. Hennigan, Jr., that provision be made for reimbursement by the Commonwealth of part of the cost to cities and towns of general relief. Joint Ways and Means.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PART OF THE COST TO CITIES AND TOWNS OF GENERAL RELIEF.

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. Chapter 117 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 19 the following new sec-
3 tion: — *Section 19A.* Each town shall be reimbursed by the
4 commonwealth for three fourths of all sums expended or paid
5 by it under this chapter after July first, nineteen hundred and
6 sixty, for the relief or support of persons lawfully settled
7 therein, including the expenses of administering this chapter.
8 All accounts against the commonwealth for allowances to
9 towns on account of moneys paid for which they are entitled
10 to reimbursement by the commonwealth hereunder shall be
11 rendered to the department of public welfare on forms pre-
12 scribed by said department, and, if rendered as aforesaid, ap-
13 proved by said department and certified by the comptroller,
14 but not otherwise, shall be paid by the commonwealth from
15 such funds as may be appropriated therefor. The approval of
16 accounts by said department under this chapter shall have the
17 effect of a provisional pre-audit of such accounts, and reim-
18 bursements based thereon shall be subject to verification and
19 adjustment by said department. Such adjustments shall be
20 made by reducing or increasing any subsequent reimburse-
21 ments under this chapter by the amount of such adjustment.

