

By Mr. Rurak, petition of James P. Rurak and George A. Sullivan, Jr., for legislation to provide that persons displaced from real property taken for state highway purposes be granted relocation assistance. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PERSONS DISPLACED FROM REAL PROPERTY TAKEN FOR STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS SHALL BE GRANTED RELOCATION PAYMENTS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the relo-  
3 cation of persons dispossessed by the taking of real property  
4 for highway projects, therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
5 emergency law necessary for the immediate preservation of  
6 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 Section 7A of chapter 81 of the General Laws, as most re-  
2 cently amended by chapter 183 of the acts of 1960, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding at the end the following para-  
4 graph: —

5 Any person occupying property which has been taken by  
6 said department under authority of this section and who is re-  
7 quired to incur an expense for relocation shall be paid by the  
8 commonwealth his reasonable and necessary moving expenses  
9 caused by his displacement from real property so taken, as  
10 approved by the department, but in no event shall such pay-  
11 ment exceed the maximum, established by the Federal High-  
12 way Act, of two hundred dollars in the case of an individual  
13 or family, or three thousand dollars in the case of a business  
14 concern (including the operation of a farm) or a non-profit

15 organization; provided, that any such payment or portion  
 16 thereof made hereunder shall be eligible for federal reimburse-  
 17 ment under the provisions of section 133 of Chapter 1 of Title  
 18 23 of the United States Code, as inserted by section 3 of the  
 19 Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962.