

By Mr. Donahue, a petition of Maurice A. Donahue, Samuel Harmon and William D. Weeks for legislation to abolish the Division and Council on the Employment of Older Workers and transferring their powers and duties to the Commission on Aging. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DIVISION AND COUNCIL ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF OLDER WORKERS AND TRANSFERRING THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE COMMISSION ON AGING.

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 division and council on the employment of
2 older workers is hereby abolished, and their powers and duties
3 are hereby transferred to the commission on aging.

1 SECTION 2. Section 23 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

3 The commission shall appoint a director of employment
4 and retirement planning who shall perform the following
5 duties:

6 (a) Develop through research and education a program to
7 eliminate age as a barrier to employment;

8 (b) Develop programs for the rehabilitation and training
9 of older workers;

10 (c) Institute programs to encourage employers to hire the
11 older worker;

12 (d) Develop programs for expanding the work of the aging
13 at home and in sheltered workshops;

14 (e) Develop programs for the utilization of the unemployed
15 elderly by their communities;

16 (f) Develop programs in the pre-retirement planning field
17 so as to prepare the aging for retirement;

- 18 (g) Recommend to the General Court such legislation as
19 it deems advisable for better employment practices for
20 the older worker as well as legislation to assist the
21 retirement process.