

HOUSE No. 214

By Mr. Hagan of Somerville, petition of James E. Hagan that adequate assistance be granted to deserving citizens who have reached the age of sixty years and are in need of relief and support. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Granting of Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Citizens.

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. Section one of chapter one hundred
2 and eighteen A of the General Laws, inserted by
3 section one of chapter four hundred and two of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty, is hereby
5 amended by striking out, in the second line, the
6 word "seventy" and inserting in place thereof the
7 word:—sixty,—so as to read as follows:—*Sec-*
8 *tion 1.* Adequate assistance to deserving citizens
9 in need of relief and support sixty years of age or
10 over who shall have resided in the commonwealth
11 not less than twenty years immediately preceding
12 arrival at such age, subject to such reasonable ex-
13 ceptions as to continuity of residence as the depart-
14 ment of public welfare, in this chapter called the
15 department, may determine by rules hereinafter

16 authorized, shall be granted under the supervision
17 of the department. Such assistance shall, wherever
18 practicable, be given to the aged person in his own
19 home or in lodgings or in a boarding home, and it
20 shall be sufficient to provide such suitable and dig-
21 nified care. No person receiving assistance here-
22 under shall be deemed to be a pauper by reason
23 thereof.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall not become operative
2 until July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

