

HOUSE No. 15

By Mr. Pratt of Saugus, petition of C. F. Nelson Pratt that adequate assistance to deserving aged citizens be granted from the date of filing applications with local boards of public welfare. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing that Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Persons shall become Effective as of the Date on which Applications therefor are Filed with Local Boards of Public Welfare.

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 and
2 eighteen A of the General Laws, inserted by section one
3 of chapter four hundred and two of the acts of nineteen
4 hundred and thirty, is hereby amended by inserting
5 after the word "department" in the eighth line the
6 words: — and shall become effective as of the date on
7 which application therefor is filed with the local board
8 of public welfare, — so as to read as follows: — *Section*
9 *1.* Adequate assistance to deserving citizens in need
10 of relief and support seventy years of age or over who
11 shall have resided in the commonwealth not less than
12 twenty years immediately preceding arrival at such
13 age, subject to such reasonable exceptions as to con-
14 tinuity of residence as the department of public wel-

15 fare, in this chapter called the department, may deter-
16 mine by rules hereinafter authorized, shall be granted
17 under the supervision of the department, and shall
18 become effective as of the date on which application
19 therefor is filed with the local board of public welfare.
20 Such assistance shall, wherever practicable, be given
21 to the aged person in his own home or in lodgings or in
22 a boarding home, and it shall be sufficient to provide
23 such suitable and dignified care. No person receiving
24 assistance hereunder shall be deemed to be a pauper by
25 reason thereof.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July
2 first, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.



