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By Mr. Whalen of Brockton, petition of John J. Whalen that payments to certain aged persons be made as of date of filing of application therefor. Pensions.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act providing that Payments under the Old Age Assistance Law shall be made as of the Date of the Filing of Application Therefor.

*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 one of chapter one hundred and eighteen A  
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary  
3 edition thereof, is hereby amended by inserting after  
4 the word "department" in the seventh line the follow-  
5 ing: — , and said assistance shall be given as of the date  
6 of the filing of the application therefor, — so as to  
7 read as follows: — *Section 1.* Adequate assistance to  
8 deserving citizens in need of relief and support seventy  
9 years of age or over who shall have resided in the com-  
10 monwealth not less than twenty years immediately  
11 preceding arrival at such age, subject to such reason-  
12 able exceptions as to continuity of residence as the  
13 department of public welfare, in this chapter called  
14 the department, may determine by rules hereinafter

15 authorized, shall be granted under the supervision of  
16 the department, and said assistance shall be given as of  
17 the date of the filing of the application therefor. Such  
18 assistance shall, wherever practicable, be given to the  
19 aged person in his own home or in lodgings or in a  
20 boarding home, and it shall be sufficient to provide  
21 such suitable and dignified care. No person receiving  
22 assistance hereunder shall be deemed to be a pauper  
23 by reason thereof.