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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 24, 1936.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has already this year up to May 29, 1936, received from the Federal government the sum of \$1,667,726.00 in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Bill, so called, for the purpose of reimbursing the Commonwealth and the various municipalities towards the expense incurred in the administration and operation of the old age assistance law.

Under the aforesaid Act of Congress Federal funds equal to one-half of the total cost of the expenses incurred in the administration of our old age assistance law will be continued to be paid by the Federal government. In the next place, the receipts from liquor licenses and permits granted by the local licensing authorities have been nearly sufficient to pay each community where such licenses were in force the total amount incurred by that municipality for old age assistance. This was a new source of revenue to the cities and towns, and, with the Federal financial aid now available to the extent of fifty per cent of the total expenditure, it seems to me that there is no necessity for distributing to the various municipalities the sum of approximately \$3,214,000.00, which will be the surplus remaining in the State Treasury from liquor licenses and permits granted by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission after the various cities and towns have been reimbursed by the State one-third of the amount expended by them for old age assistance.

Under these circumstances, I believe that this surplus should be retained by the Commonwealth and transferred into the General Fund to be used in payment of the expenses incurred by the Commonwealth.

I accordingly strongly recommend the enactment of the accompanying bill.

JAMES M. CURLEY.

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

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An Act relative to the Disposition of a Portion of Certain Fees and Taxes paid into the State Treasury under the Alcoholic Beverages Law.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
3 twenty-seven, as amended by section one of chapter  
4 three hundred and one and section twenty-three of  
5 chapter three hundred and eighty-five, both of the  
6 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-four, and chap-  
7 ter four hundred and forty-two of the acts of nineteen  
8 hundred and thirty-five, and inserting in place thereof  
9 the following:—

10 *Section 27.* All fees for licenses and permits au-  
11 thorized to be granted by the commission under this  
12 chapter and all moneys payable under section twenty-  
13 one shall be paid into the state treasury and, after  
14 deducting therefrom the expenses of the commission,  
15 and the expenses of the department of public welfare  
16 with respect to the granting of assistance to aged  
17 citizens under the provisions of chapter one hundred  
18 and eighteen A, shall be used, so far as necessary,  
19 for reimbursing cities and towns for such assistance

20 given by them, in the manner provided by section  
21 three of said chapter, and any balance then remain-  
22 ing shall be transferred to the general fund or ordi-  
23 nary revenue of the commonwealth; and all fees for  
24 licenses and permits authorized to be granted by the  
25 local licensing authorities under this chapter shall be  
26 paid into the treasuries of their respective cities and  
27 towns.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 24, 1936.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

FRANK E. BRIDGMAN, *Clerk.*