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Accompanying the third recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 76). Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, SO CALLED.

*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. Chapter 118 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 1, as most recently amended  
3 by chapter 463 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 1.* The following words and phrases as used in this  
6 chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the  
7 following meanings: —

8 “Dependent child,” — a child under the age of eighteen  
9 who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason  
10 of the death, continued absence from home or physical or  
11 mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his  
12 father, mother or other parent in a place of residence main-  
13 tained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own  
14 home, whether or not they or any of them have a settlement  
15 within the commonwealth.

16 “Parent,” — shall include, in addition to the father and  
17 mother of the dependent child, the following — stepfather,  
18 stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister; any blood relative, in-  
19 cluding those of the half blood, except cousins who are more  
20 distantly related than first cousins; adoptive relative of  
21 equal propinquity to the foregoing; and spouses of any such  
22 persons.

- 23 "Aid to dependent children," — money payments with  
 24 respect to, or medical care in behalf of, a dependent child or  
 25 dependent children.  
 26 "Department," — the department of public welfare.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect on  
 2 July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.