

HOUSE No. 1878

By Mr. Kingston of Springfield, petition of William J. Kingston for legislation to provide for the continuance of rent control in the city of Springfield. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RENT CONTROL IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

1 *Whereas*, A severe shortage of rental housing exists in the
2 city of Springfield which shortage has caused a serious emer-
3 gency detrimental to the public peace, health, safety and
4 convenience, and the deferred operation of this act would
5 tend to defeat its purpose which is to enable said city to
6 alleviate such severe shortage of rental housing, therefore
7 it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for
8 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety
9 and convenience.

*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. The general court finds and declares that a
2 serious public emergency still exists with respect to the hous-
3 ing of a substantial number of citizens in the city of Spring-
4 field which has resulted in a substantial shortage of rental
5 housing accommodations; that unless residential rents and
6 eviction of tenants are regulated and controlled in said city,
7 such emergency and the inflationary pressures resulting
8 therefrom will produce serious threats to the public health,

9 safety and general welfare of its citizens; and that such
10 emergency should be met immediately by the continuance
11 therein of rent control.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of chapter four hundred and
2 thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-three,
3 as amended by chapter four hundred and ninety-six of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, are hereby, without
5 further action by the city of Springfield, further continued
6 in effect until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and
7 fifty-seven.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of December
2 thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and the maximum
3 rents hereunder shall be no greater than the maximum rents
4 in effect on said date.