

HOUSE No. 2993

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 27, 1961.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2566) of George P. Wilson for the prevention of acquisition of settlement of veterans or their dependents who are receiving assistance from the Department of Public Welfare, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2993).

For the committee,

SUMNER Z. KAPLAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One.

AN ACT REGULATING THE ACQUISITION OF A SETTLEMENT BY VETERANS AND/OR THEIR DEPENDENTS, WHILE IN RECEIPT OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT 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. The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 116 of
2 the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of chapter 740 of the
3 acts of 1955, is hereby further amended by inserting after the
4 word "relief", in line 8, the words:— under chapter one hun-
5 dred and seventeen, — so as to read as follows:— No person
6 shall acquire a settlement, or be in the process of acquiring a
7 settlement, while receiving public relief, unless within two years
8 after receiving such relief, he tenders reimbursement of the cost
9 thereof to the commonwealth or to the town furnishing it; pro-
10 vided, that benefits received under chapter one hundred and
11 fifteen shall not be considered public relief for the purposes of this
12 section; and provided, further, that receipt of public relief under
13 chapter one hundred and seventeen by a veteran whose service
14 qualifies him to receive benefits under said chapter one hundred
15 and fifteen, or by a dependent of a veteran qualified by his
16 service to receive such benefits, shall not prevent such veteran
17 or dependent, in accordance with the provisions of this section,
18 from acquiring, or being in the process of acquiring, a settlement,
19 unless the veterans' agent of the town of settlement, if any, of
20 such veteran or dependent, or the commissioner of veterans'
21 services, if such veteran or dependent has no settlement, shall
22 notify, in writing, the public welfare authorities of the town
23 furnishing such public relief that such veteran or dependent is
24 not eligible for benefits under said chapter one hundred and
25 fifteen, in answer to a notice, in writing, which, in addition to
26 any notice required by law to be given to the public welfare
27 authorities of the town of settlement, if any, and to the commis-

28 sioner of public welfare, shall, in the case of such veteran or de-
29 pendent, be given forthwith to the veterans' agent of the town
30 of settlement, if any, and to the commissioner of veterans' serv-
31 ices by the town granting such public relief.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of September eighth,
2 nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

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