
Accompanying the second recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 87). Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS EXPECTED BY CERTAIN PERSONS IN NEED OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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. Section 11 of chapter 118 of the General Laws as
2 added by chapter 487 of the acts of 1961, is hereby amended by
3 adding at the end the following paragraph: —

4 If relief or support under this chapter is necessary as a result
5 of an accident, injury or illness for which moneys are expected
6 to be provided by accident or health insurance, workmen's com-
7 pensation, or otherwise, the board of public welfare may require
8 the person in need of such relief or support to provide for the
9 reimbursement of the town for each day of such relief or support by
10 assigning to the town an equivalent amount of the moneys to
11 be so realized for such day; but such assignment shall not operate
12 as a lien on moneys to be so realized for any day for which relief
13 or support is not provided. Such assignment may be enforced
14 by petition to the district court within the jurisdiction of which
15 the town providing such relief or support is situated. Proceeds
16 realized through enforcement of this section shall be apportioned
17 between the federal government, the commonwealth and the
18 town furnishing the assistance in proportion to the amount of
19 their respective contributions thereto, but in no case for more
20 than the amount contributed, without interest.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4A of chapter 118A of the General Laws
2 as most recently amended by section 5 of chapter 801 of the acts

3 of 1951, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the
4 following paragraph: —

5 If relief or support under this chapter is necessary as a result
6 of an accident, injury or illness for which moneys are expected to
7 be provided by accident or health insurance, workmen's compen-
8 sation, or otherwise, the board of public welfare may require the
9 person in need of such relief or support to provide for the reim-
10 bursement of the town for each day of such relief or support by
11 assigning to the town an equivalent amount of the moneys to be
12 so realized for such day; but such assignment shall not operate
13 as a lien on moneys to be so realized for any day for which relief
14 or support is not provided. Such assignment may be enforced
15 by petition to the district court within the jurisdiction of which
16 the town providing such relief or support is situated. Proceeds
17 realized through enforcement of this section shall be apportioned
18 between the federal government, the commonwealth and the
19 town furnishing the assistance in proportion to the amount of
20 their respective contributions thereto, but in no case for more
21 than the amount contributed, without interest.

1 SECTION 3. Section 14 of chapter 118D of the General Laws
2 as appearing in section 2 of chapter 741 of the acts of 1951, is
3 hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: —

4 If relief or support under this chapter is necessary as a result
5 of an accident, injury or illness for which moneys are expected
6 to be provided by accident or health insurance, workmen's com-
7 pensation, or otherwise, the board of public welfare may require
8 the person in need of such relief or support to provide for the
9 reimbursement of the town for each day of such relief or support
10 by assigning to the town an equivalent amount of the moneys
11 to be so realized for such day; but such assignment shall not
12 operate as a lien on moneys to be so realized for any day for
13 which relief or support is not provided. Such assignment may be
14 enforced by petition to the district court within the jurisdiction
15 of which the town providing such relief or support is situated.
16 Proceeds realized through enforcement of this section shall be
17 apportioned between the federal government, the common-
18 wealth and the town furnishing the assistance in proportion to
19 the amount of their respective contributions thereto, but in no
20 case for more than the amount contributed, without interest.