

By Messrs. MacDonald of Boston and Richard F. Finnigan of Boston, petition of the Dorchester-Columbia Point Task Force, Frederick M. MacDonald and Richard F. Finnigan for legislation to protect the homes of persons in the Columbia Point section of the city of Boston from public action that may be taken to provide housing for students of the University of Massachusetts located in that area. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

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AN ACT EXTENDING THE BENEFITS OF THE RELOCATION LAW TO THOSE DISPLACED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE COMING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT BOSTON TO COLUMBIA POINT.

*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. Whereas the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
2 has designated that area of Boston known as Columbia Point as  
3 the site for the permanent campus for the University at Boston;  
4 and

5 Whereas no housing for students has yet been constructed or  
6 authorized for construction nor have adequate transportation  
7 facilities been planned or constructed for the 5,800 students and  
8 900 faculty, and 900 support personnel expected in September  
9 1973; and

10 Whereas residents of neighborhoods convenient to the campus  
11 at Columbia Point are already experiencing displacement from  
12 their homes by private landlords who then rent the same units to  
13 students at greatly increased rents and it is expected that such  
14 displacement will become even more prevalent as the opening of  
15 the campus approaches;

16 Therefore it is hereby declared that residents of the Common-  
17 wealth who are displaced from their homes as a consequence of  
18 public action without any of the protection and compensation to

19 which those displaced by public action are entitled should be  
20 entitled to such compensation and assistance as are authorized  
21 herein.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter seventy-nine A of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section:

3 *Section 13.* A tenant of private rental housing in Dorchester,  
4 South Boston, and Quincy is entitled to relocation payments  
5 and assistance if

6 a) he has resided within that neighborhood or town for two  
7 years or longer, and

8 b) he has been evicted from his dwelling unit without fault,  
9 or was forced to leave said dwelling unit because the rent was  
10 raised more than 5% per annum, and

11 c) he can show that the next occupant of said dwelling unit  
12 is a student or group of students or faculty member at the  
13 University of Massachusetts at Columbia Point.

14 A tenant who believes he is qualified for assistance under  
15 this section may petition the bureau within one year of his  
16 displacement and, if the bureau finds him qualified, shall  
17 receive from the bureau for moving costs twenty-five dollars or  
18 the actual documented costs of packing, insurance and carting  
19 of property and incidental costs of disconnecting and recon-  
20 necting household appliances, but in no event more than the  
21 limit set in section 1 of this chapter, and such other relocation  
22 payments and assistance as may be authorized under this  
23 chapter.

1 SECTION 3. The general court shall appropriate annually  
2 such sums as are necessary and proper to carry out the  
3 provisions of this act.