

HOUSE No. 7471

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 12, 1973.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the recommitted Bill authorizing the advance of sums for elderly nutrition and home aid projects (duplicate of House, No. 2366), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 7471).

For the committee,

JOHN E. MURPHY, Jr.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF SUMS FOR ELDERLY HOME CARE NUTRITION SERVICES AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY.

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 1L of chapter 15 of the General Laws, inserted by
2 section 1 of chapter 753 of the acts of 1970, is hereby amended
3 by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof
4 the following paragraph: —

5 As used in this section, the words “authorized elderly persons”
6 shall mean persons over fifty-nine years of age whose participa-
7 tion in the program has been approved by the division of social
8 and economic opportunity in the department of community af-
9 fairs. Notwithstanding the provisions of section twenty-two of
10 chapter twenty-nine or any other provisions of law, funds made
11 available by appropriation, or otherwise, for enabling the com-
12 monwealth to carry out the provisions of law for furnishing
13 home care nutrition services and school lunch programs for the
14 elderly may be advanced to the department for payment to any
15 city or town, public school, private school, public or private
16 non-profit agency for costs to be incurred under this program
17 prior to the increasing of such costs. The commissioner shall
18 make a monthly report to the comptroller of the amount of
19 funds disbursed by the department subsequent to the previous
20 monthly report and shall certify to the comptroller that such
21 disbursements are substantiated by detailed records and vouchers
22 retained in the custody of the department of education. Any
23 federal funds provided annually for the purposes of this program
24 shall be expended prior to the use of any funds appropriated by
25 the commonwealth.