

By Mr. Kendall of Falmouth, petition of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc., and Richard E. Kendall for legislation to further limit the time by which encumbrances of appropriations may be continued. Ways and Means (Joint).

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT FURTHER LIMITING THE TIME BY WHICH ENCUMBRANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS MAY BE CONTINUED.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 13, as most recently amended by chapter 757 of the  
3 acts of 1962, and inserting in place thereof the following:—  
4 *Section 13.* That portion of an appropriation for ordinary  
5 maintenance representing encumbrances outstanding on the  
6 records of the comptroller's bureau at the close of the fiscal year  
7 may be applied to the payment thereof in the [six] four months  
8 immediately succeeding such fiscal year; provided, however, that  
9 the budget director at the written request of a spending agency  
10 may, prior to the close of said [six] four months, extend for an  
11 additional [three] two months the recorded encumbrances  
12 outstanding and the funds reserved therefor, by furnishing the  
13 comptroller with a copy of such request and the approval thereof.  
14 The unencumbered balance of an appropriation for ordinary  
15 maintenance mentioned in this section shall revert to the  
16 commonwealth at the end of each month.

17 EXPLANATION: [Brackets] indicates material stricken from  
18 existing law.

19 Underscoring indicates new material added to existing law.

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