

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2459

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of Gary F. Dunn and John A. Businger relative to providing that veterans' benefit payments shall be made for any arrearages of mortgage payments and or past due rents incurred for purposes of providing shelter. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE FOR ANY ARREARAGES OF MORTGAGE PAYMENTS AND OR PAST DUE RENTS INCURRED FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING SHELTER.

*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 115, Section 5 (M.G.L.A.) is hereby amended by  
2 inserting the following sentence after the third sentence in the  
3 second paragraph: — Payment of benefits for arrearages of  
4 mortgage payments and/or past due rents, if accountable to the  
5 purpose of providing shelter, shall be deemed the same, and as  
6 necessary to afford any veteran or dependent such aforesaid  
7 sufficient relief and support, and said payments shall be made  
8 regardless of whether said arrearages were incurred during any  
9 period prior to the date of application and this provision shall be  
10 an exception to any other limitations of benefits set forth in this  
11 section or chapter including the first eighteen words of the  
12 immediately following sentence of this, the second paragraph.

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