

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 623) of Jack H. Backman and John W. Olver for legislation to provide cost-of-living adjustment for recipients of aid to families with dependent children and general relief. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AND GENERAL RELIEF.

*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. The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter  
2 117 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chap-  
3 ter 758 of the acts of 1975, is hereby further amended by  
4 striking the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
5 the following new paragraph: —

6 Effective July first of every year, the department shall in-  
7 crease the total budget of each eligible recipient, before tak-  
8 ing into consideration any available income and resources, by  
9 a percentage amount equal to the percentage rise in the  
10 United States Consumer Price Index for January first of that  
11 year over the level of said Index for January first of the pre-  
12 vious year plus such additional percentage amount as is rec-  
13 ommended annually by the department and appropriated by  
14 the General Court.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by chapter 684 of the acts of 1975  
3 is hereby amended by striking the fifth paragraph and in-  
4 serting in place thereof the following new paragraph: —

5 Effective July first of every year, the department shall  
6 increase the total budget of each eligible recipient, before  
7 taking into consideration any available income and resources,  
8 by a percentage amount equal to the percentage rise in the  
9 United States Consumer Price Index for January first of that

10 year over the level of said Index for January first of the  
 11 previous year plus such additional percentage amount as is  
 12 recommended annually by the department and appropriated  
 13 by the General Court.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July first, nineteen  
 2 hundred and eighty.