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By Mr. D'Amico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 728) of Gerard D'Amico, Francis J. McGrath and Thomas J. Early for legislation relative to tenant relocation assistance. Insurance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO TENANT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE.

*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 ninety-nine of chapter one hundred seventy-five  
2 of the General Laws, as latest amended by section four of  
3 Chapter four hundred forty-six of the acts of nineteen hun-  
4 dred seventy-eight, is hereby further amended by striking out  
5 clause Fifteenth A and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
6 ing clause: —

7 Fifteenth A. Every policy which insures multi-unit resi-  
8 dential property against loss or damage by fire shall provide  
9 additional benefits, by endorsement attached to the policy, up  
10 to a limit of seven hundred and fifty dollars, without deduct-  
11 ible, for each rental unit to cover the actual costs of reloca-  
12 tion of any tenant or lawful occupant displaced by fire or by  
13 damage resulting from fire or by condemnation of the property  
14 or portion thereof by a city or town for violation of statute  
15 or governmental code. Benefits under this clause shall be paid  
16 by the insurer to the tenant or lawful occupant after taking  
17 into account benefits available under any other policy; pro-  
18 vided that said payment shall instead be made to the city or  
19 town up to the amount of costs incurred by said city or town  
20 on behalf of the tenant or lawful occupant pursuant to any  
21 program of relocation assistance. The terms and conditions  
22 of such clause shall be approved or prescribed by the com-  
23 missioner. The landlord or lessor of the property shall notify  
24 each tenant or lawful occupant in writing of the benefits pay-  
25 able under this clause at the beginning of the lease or tenancy  
26 period. A waiver of this provision in any lease or other rental  
27 agreement shall be void and unenforceable.

## CITY OF WORCESTER

*Ordered:* That the City Solicitor be and is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and file legislation with the General Court to provide that fire liability insurance companies be required to offer tenant relocation assistance payments as a collateral benefit on all policies underwritten on multi-unit residential buildings.

In City Council

November 27, 1979

Order Adopted by a ye and nay vote of Seven yeas and No nays.

Robert J. O'Keefe, Clerk

A Copy. Attest:

Robert J. O'Keefe  
City Clerk