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By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 489) of Jack H. Backman, James J. Craven, Jr., John A. Businger and another for legislation to permit recipients of old age assistance, aid to the blind and disability assistance to benefit from increases in federal social security benefits. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PERMITTING RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AID TO THE BLIND AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASES IN FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

*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. Section 131A of chapter 6 of the general laws  
2 as appearing in chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973 is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
4 paragraph: —

5 Whenever there is an increase in the level of payments under  
6 Title II of the federal social security act, the level of com-  
7 bined federal supplementary security income payment and the  
8 state supplementary payment in effect at such time shall be  
9 increased by an amount equal to the average of said social  
10 security by an amount equal to the average of said social  
11 security increase. Said increase shall be in addition to any  
12 other increase required under this section.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 118A of the general laws as appearing  
2 in chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973 is hereby amended by  
3 adding after section 2, the following new section: —

4 *Section 2A.* Whenever there is an increase in the level of  
5 payments under Title II of the federal social security act, the  
6 level of combined federal supplementary security income pay-  
7 ment and the state supplementary payment in effect at such  
8 time shall be increased by an amount equal to the average of

9 said social security increase. Said increase shall be in addition  
10 to any other increase required under this chapter.

1 SECTION 3. Section 36 of chapter 118A of the general laws  
2 as appearing in chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973 is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
4 paragraph: —

5 The increases required by the provisions of this section shall  
6 be in addition to any increases made under the provisions of  
7 section 2A of chapter 118A of the general laws, and any in-  
8 creases made under said section 2A shall not be counted as  
9 part of the increases required by this section.