

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger and James G. Collins to provide for the protection of security deposits paid by tenants of residential property. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF SECURITY DEPOSITS PAID BY TENANTS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

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 15B of chapter
2 186 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 11
3 of chapter 430 of the acts of 1973, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:— Such
5 security deposit shall be held in a separate interest bearing escrow
6 account in a bank, located within the same county or no more than
7 twenty-five miles from said residential real property, under such
8 terms as will place such amounts beyond the claims of creditors of
9 the landlord and as will provide their transfer to a subsequent
10 owner of said property. A receipt shall be given to the tenant
11 indicating the name and locatioin of the said bank and the amount
12 of said security deposit.

13 The Secretary of Consumer Affairs may promulgate rules and
14 regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall apply only to those
2 security deposits received by the landlord after the passage of this
3 act.

