

By Mr. McGlynn of Medford, petition of Michael J. McGlynn that the Commonwealth be required to pay cities and towns a certain sum of money received from the federal government. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The seventy-four million eight hundred thousand dollars paid to
2 the commonwealth by the federal government in settlement of the
3 commonwealth's claim to recover from the federal government its
4 proportionate share of the amounts expended by the com-
5 monwealth for various social services dating back to nineteen
6 hundred and seventy-two, claims for which have previously been
7 denied, shall be credited to the local aid fund as established under
8 the provisions of section two D of chapter twenty-nine of the
9 General Laws and shall be distributed to the cities and towns in
10 accordance with the provisions of section eighteen C of chapter
11 fifty-eight of the General Laws not later than June thirtieth,
12 nineteen hundred and seventy-eight. Such revenues shall be used
13 by the cities and towns for the purpose of reducing necessary
14 appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July first, nineteen
15 hundred and seventy-eight; provided, however, that in no case
16 shall said revenues be used to finance the costs of any programs,
17 projects or positions which were not in the annual operating
18 budget in effect in every city and town as of July first, nineteen
19 hundred and seventy-seven.

