

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia that provision be made for establishing a program for household weatherization conservation assistance for needy elderly persons and families of low income. Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES OF A PROGRAM OF HOUSEHOLD WEATHERIZATION CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE AND LOANS.

*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 three of chapter seven hundred and sixty-  
2 five of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-nine is hereby  
3 repealed.

1 SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as  
2 inserted by section 4 of chapter 796 of the acts of 1978, is hereby  
3 amended by adding the following three subsections:—

4 (10) Administer a program of household weatherization/con-  
5 servation assistance for needy elderly persons and families whose  
6 income is not over two hundred per cent of the poverty guidelines  
7 as established by the United States community services administra-  
8 tion; provided that such program shall, except for the income  
9 eligibility requirement, be administered in accordance with the  
10 regulations promulgated for the federal programs provided for in  
11 42 U.S.C. section 2809 (5) and shall be subject only to the provi-  
12 sions of chapter thirty A of the General Laws. There shall be  
13 appropriated fifteen million dollars for carrying out the purposes  
14 of this subsection.

15 (11) Administer a program of energy conservation/ weatheriza-  
16 tion loans for households whose annual income does not exceed  
17 twenty thousand dollars. Such loans shall not exceed one thousand  
18 five hundred dollars to any household in any fiscal year, nor be less  
19 than two hundred fifty dollars, and shall bear interest at such rate,  
20 not to exceed five per cent per annum, and before such time, not to  
21 exceed three years nor be less than one year, as the secretary shall  
22 by regulation hereafter prescribe.