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SENATE No. 723

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 723) of Jack H. Backman, George Bachrach, Philip W. Johnston and Doris Bunte for legislation to provide cost-of-living adjustments for recipients of general welfare. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RECIPIENTS
OF GENERAL RELIEF.**

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 second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 117 of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 758 of
3 the acts of 1975, is hereby further amended by striking the
4 second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
5 new paragraph: —

6 Effective July first of every year, the department shall in-
7 crease the total budget of each eligible recipient, before tak-
8 ing into consideration any available income and resources, by
9 a percentage amount equal to the percentage rise in the
10 United States Consumer Price Index for January first of that
11 year over the level of said Index for January first of the pre-
12 vious year plus such additional percentage amount as is rec-
13 ommended annually by the department and appropriated by
14 the General Court.

