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SENATE No. 747

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 747) of Jack H. Backman, George Bachrach and Philip W. Johnston for legislation to restore the annual cost-of-living increase for the elderly, blind and disabled. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE
ELDERLY, BLIND AND DISABLED.

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 first paragraph of section 2 of chapter 118A of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 283 of
3 the acts of 1976, is hereby further amended by striking the
4 first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
5 new paragraph: —

6 Effective July first of every year, the level of any state sup-
7 plementary payment authorized by section one plus the level
8 of federal supplemental security income in effect at such time
9 shall be increased by a percentage amount equal to the per-
10 centage rise in the United States Consumer Price Index for
11 January first of that year over the level of said Index for
12 January first of the previous year plus such additional per-
13 centage amount as is recommended annually by the depart-
14 ment and appropriated by the general court. In determining
15 said additional percentage amount, consideration shall be
16 given to the goal of reaching, within a reasonable time, a total
17 income level equal to or consistent with the current budget at
18 the intermediate level of living for a retired couple established
19 by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Statis-
20 tics, for the metropolitan Boston area.

