

By Mr. Kollios of Millbury, petition of Paul Kollios for legislation to establish in the Commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the "Fund for Homeless Programs". Taxation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO FUNDING FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.**

*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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 35H the following section: —

3 Section 35I. There shall be established and set up on the books  
4 of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Fund  
5 for Homeless Programs. Said fund shall consist of all revenues  
6 received by the commonwealth (1) under the provisions of section 6G  
7 of chapter 62; and (2) from public and private sources, including,  
8 but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations to assist programs for  
9 the homeless.

10 All revenues credited under this section shall remain in said  
11 Fund for Homeless Programs, not subject to appropriation, for  
12 the purpose of assisting homeless programs in the commonwealth.  
13 The state treasurer shall not deposit said revenues in or transfer  
14 said revenues to the General Fund or any other fund other than  
15 the Fund for Homeless programs.

16 The state treasurer shall deposit the fund in accordance with  
17 the provisions of sections 34 and 34A of chapter 29 in such manner  
18 as will secure the highest interest rate available consistent with  
19 safety of the fund and with the requirement that all amounts on  
20 deposit be available for immediate withdrawal at any time. The  
21 fund shall be expended only for programs for the homeless in the  
22 commonwealth at the direction of the secretary of the executive  
23 Department of Public Welfare, and any unexpended balances

24 shall be redeposited, as herein provided, for future use consistent  
25 with this section.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 6F the following section: —

3 Section 6G. Every individual who files a separate return and  
4 every husband and wife filing a return jointly may voluntarily  
5 contribute all or part of any refund to which they are entitled or  
6 may voluntarily add an amount onto any amount due to be  
7 credited to the Fund for Homeless Programs.

8 A contribution made under this section may be made with  
9 respect to the taxable year at the time of filing the return of the  
10 tax imposed by this chapter for such taxable year; provided,  
11 however, that the commissioner shall prescribe the manner in  
12 which such contribution shall be made on the face of the return  
13 required by section 5 of chapter 62C.

14 The commissioner shall annually report the total amount  
15 designated under this section to the state treasurer who shall credit  
16 such amount to the Fund for Homeless Programs.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 117 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 5A the following:

3 There shall be a Homeless Fund Advisory Board constituted  
4 for the general purpose of making recommendations to the  
5 Commissioner concerning the administration and allocation of  
6 the Fund for Homeless Programs as established in Chapter 10  
7 section 35I and performing any other functions specifically  
8 granted to it by law.

9 The Commissioner shall have the authority to appoint all  
10 members of the Homeless Fund Advisory Board. Said board shall  
11 consist of no more than nine members, and shall include the  
12 following:

13 Two homeless persons, one of whom shall be the primary  
14 caretaker of a child or children;

15 Two representatives of organizations which advocate on behalf  
16 of the homeless;

17 Two homeless shelter providers;

18 Two non-profit housing developers.

19 One of the above advisory board members shall also be an  
20 attorney.

21 The Commissioner may expend amounts contained in the fund,  
22 with the advice and under the guidance of the Homeless Fund  
23 Advisory Board.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

THE LEGISLATURE OF CONNECTICUT

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives

January 11, 1990

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