

Text of further amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means to the Senate amendment of the House Bill extending the time limits for making eligibility determinations in public assistance programs and to require the Department of Public Welfare to make certain reports (House, No. 6446, amended). October 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (B) of section 2 of chapter 18 of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter
3 552 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the
4 following clause: —

5 (h) make quarterly reports, based upon statistical sampling
6 methods, to the house and senate committees on ways and means,
7 on (1) the number of public assistance applications processed
8 within twenty-two days under chapter one hundred and seventeen,
9 and (2) the number of such applications processed within forty-five
10 days. Such reports shall contain information sufficient to indicate
11 whether ninety-five percent of the applications were processed
12 within the time periods in clause (1) of this subsection and if not,
13 what actions have been taken to reach that percentage.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 16 of said chap-
2 ter 18, as appearing in section 10 of chapter 752 of the acts of 1974,
3 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word “thirty” and
4 inserting in place thereof the word: — forty-five.

1 SECTION 3. Section 5 of chapter 117 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in chapter 908 of the acts of 1971, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 24, the words “said two week period, and the
4 applicant is notified of such determination by certified mail” and
5 inserting in place thereof the words: — forty-five days, and the
6 applicant is notified in writing of such determination.

1 SECTION 4. Section 3 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in section 69 of chapter 393 of the acts of 1979, is hereby
3 amended by striking out, in line 2 the word "thirty" and inserting in
4 place thereof the word: — forty-five.

1 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 118E
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 800 of the
3 acts of 1969, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4 the word
4 "thirty" and inserting in place thereof the word: — forty-five.

1 SECTION 6. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section
2 22 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 3, the word "thirty" and inserting in place
4 thereof the word: — forty-five.

1 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding the time limits set forth in this
2 act, the department of public welfare shall establish procedures to
3 process applications for public assistance as promptly as circum-
4 stances permit.

5 Without limiting the authority of the department of public
6 welfare to utilize the full time limits of forty-five days set forth in
7 this act to process applications for public assistance, the proce-
8 dures established by the department shall be designed to insure that
9 ninety-five percent or more of all applications received are proce-
10 ssed within thirty days for aid under chapters one hundred and
11 eighteen and one hundred and eighteen E and within twenty-two
12 days under chapter one hundred seventeen.