

HOUSE No. 946

Accompanying the petition of the Dorchester Board of Trade relative to regulating the soliciting of and the expenditure of funds contributed by the public for charitable purposes. Legal Affairs. January 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

AN ACT

To regulate the Soliciting of and the Expenditure of Money contributed by the Public for Charitable Purposes.

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. All persons, societies, organizations, or cor-
2 porations, before soliciting funds for charitable purposes
3 within the commonwealth of Massachusetts, shall first
4 register their names and purposes with the department of
5 public welfare.

1 SECTION 2. Except duly authorized charitable corpo-
2 rations, established churches, and duly recognized re-
3 ligious and fraternal organizations and societies, no solici-
4 tation of funds for charitable purposes, from the general

5 public, shall be made without a permit from the depart-
6 ment of public welfare, which department shall require an
7 accounting from those receiving such permit.

1 SECTION 3. The department of public welfare may
2 make such rules and regulations, and require such form
3 of application, as it may determine proper for the carry-
4 ing out of the purposes of this act.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and become
2 operative upon its passage.

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