

HOUSE No. 2316

Mrs. Barrows of Melrose presented a petition of Richard K. Conant, Commissioner of Public Welfare, for legislation to enable the Commonwealth to accept and expend federal funds under the Social Security Act and changing the residence requirements for mothers' aid and old age assistance to conform with said act. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act relative to the Acceptance and Expenditure of Federal Funds under the Social Security Act and Changing the Residence Requirements for Mothers' Aid and Old Age Assistance to conform with Said Act.

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. The departments of public welfare,
2 public health and education shall co-operate with the
3 appropriate federal authorities in the administration
4 of an act of congress approved _____, en-
5 titled "An Act _____", and accept for the
6 commonwealth the benefits thereof, and the state
7 treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds allotted
8 to the commonwealth from appropriations made
9 under said act of congress. The funds so allotted
10 shall be expended without specific appropriation
11 under the order of the commissioner of public wel-

12 fare in carrying out the provisions of said act so far
13 as they relate to mothers' aid, old age assistance,
14 care of homeless or neglected children and the care
15 of crippled children; under the order of the com-
16 missioner of public health in carrying out the provi-
17 sions of said act so far as they relate to maternal and
18 child health services and public health work, and
19 under the order of the commissioner of education in
20 carrying out the provisions of said act so far as they
21 relate to vocational rehabilitation and aid to the
22 blind.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and eighteen
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out section one, as appearing in the Tercentenary
4 Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following: —
5 *Section 1.* This chapter shall apply to all mothers
6 and their dependent children under the age of six-
7 teen, whether or not they or any of them may have
8 a settlement within the commonwealth, who shall
9 have resided therein not less than one year imme-
10 diately preceding the date of application for aid under
11 this chapter and to mothers with dependent children
12 born within the commonwealth within one year im-
13 mediately preceding the date of such application, if
14 the mother has resided in the commonwealth for one
15 year immediately preceding the birth. A mother
16 shall not be disqualified from receiving aid under
17 this chapter because of having but one such child.

1 SECTION 3. Section one of chapter one hundred
2 and eighteen A of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter three hundred and twenty-eight
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, is

5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the fourth
6 to the tenth lines, the words "twenty years immedi-
7 ately preceding the date of application for such
8 assistance, subject to such reasonable exceptions as
9 to continuity of residence as the department of public
10 welfare, in this chapter called the department, may
11 determine by rules hereinafter authorized, shall be
12 granted under the supervision of the department"
13 and inserting in place thereof the words: — five years
14 during the nine years immediately preceding the date
15 of application for such assistance and who shall have
16 resided in the commonwealth continuously for one
17 year immediately preceding said date of application,
18 shall be granted under the supervision of the depart-
19 ment, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* Ade-
20 quate assistance to deserving citizens in need of relief
21 and support seventy years of age or over who shall
22 have resided in the commonwealth not less than five
23 years during the nine years immediately preceding
24 the date of application for such assistance and who
25 shall have resided in the commonwealth continuously
26 for one year immediately preceding said date of appli-
27 cation, shall be granted under the supervision of the
28 department of public welfare, in this chapter called
29 the department. Financial assistance granted here-
30 under shall be given from the date of application
31 therefor, but in no event before the applicant reaches
32 the age of seventy, and in determining the amount of
33 assistance to be given for any period preceding the
34 date on which the application was favorably passed
35 upon, consideration shall be given to the amount of
36 welfare relief, if any, given to such applicant during
37 said period under any other provision of law. Such
38 assistance shall, wherever practicable, be given to the

39 aged person in his own home or in lodgings or in a
40 boarding home, and it shall be sufficient to provide
41 such suitable and dignified care. No person receiving
42 assistance hereunder shall be deemed to be a pauper
43 by reason thereof.