

HOUSE No. 145

By Mr. Morris of Everett, petition of Albert E. Morris relative to eligibility of applicants for old age assistance in case of ownership by them of certain policies of insurance or benefit certificates. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN POLICIES OF INSURANCE OR BENEFIT CERTIFICATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter one hundred and eighteen A of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in section one of chapter four
3 hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and thirty-six, is hereby amended by striking out
5 section five and inserting in place thereof the follow-
6 ing:—

7 *Section 5.* The ownership of a policy of insurance
8 of the type known as group insurance, for which the
9 weekly premium does not exceed fifty cents per week,
10 or of a policy of insurance in an amount not exceeding
11 one thousand dollars, shall not disqualify an applicant
12 from receiving assistance under this chapter, if such
13 policy has been in effect not less than five years prior
14 to the date of his application, nor shall a policy of

15 insurance in an amount not exceeding three thousand
16 dollars disqualify an applicant from receiving such
17 assistance if such policy has been in effect not less than
18 fifteen years prior to the date of his application. The
19 words "policy of insurance", as used in this section,
20 shall include a benefit certificate.