HOUSE No. 1680

By Mr. Cohen of Brookline, petition of Beryl W. Cohen for legislation to exempt income of minors in determining basis of assistance to disabled parents. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

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

AN ACT EXEMPTING INCOME OF MINORS IN DETERMINING BASIS OF ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED PARENTS.

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

Section 4 of chapter 118D is hereby amended by striking 2 out the third sentence, as appearing in section 4 of chapter 741 3 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following 4 sentence: - In computing the amount of assistance, the board 5 of public welfare, or the department acting on cases appealed, 6 as the case may be, shall, in accordance with rules and regu-7 lations made by the department, deduct therefrom the amount 8 of income the person assisted or to be assisted may be receiving 9 from any source with the exception that the earnings of any 10 child under twenty-one years of age shall nor be considered 11 in determining the child's ability to contribute, nor be used as a 12 basis to reduce assistance to be granted the parents but it may 13 so deduct therefrom such reasonable amount as may be deemed 4 to represent the financial value of board or lodging or other 15 assistance which is being furnished to such person from any 16 source whatsoever.