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[Bill accompanying the petition of Eben H. Googins for legislation to provide assistance for residents of the State who are blind. Ways and Means. Jan. 29.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

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AN ACT

Relative to a State Pension for Blind Persons.

*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 bona fide residents of this Common-  
2 wealth who were born in the Commonwealth, who are  
3 over twenty-five years of age, and who are blind to such  
4 a degree that they are unable to earn a livelihood, shall  
5 receive a monthly pension of eight dollars, payable  
6 monthly from the treasury of the state.

1 SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to receive a  
2 pension under this act unless the facts that he or she was  
3 born in the state and is a bona fide resident thereof, and  
4 is blind to the degree above stated are established to the  
5 satisfaction of the secretary of state and of the surgeon-  
6 general, who are hereby made a board to pass upon ap-  
7 plications for a pension under this act.

1 SECTION 3. No person who removes from the state  
2 or who is absent therefrom more than ten consecutive  
3 months shall be entitled to a pension under this act.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

