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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 28, 1967.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the use of school lunch room facilities for serving lunches to certain elderly persons (House, No. 5406), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5412).

For the committee,

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO USE LUNCH ROOM FACILITIES FOR SERVING LUNCHESES TO NEEDY ELDERLY 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. The school committee of a city or town desig-  
2 nated by the commission on aging, as provided in section two,  
3 or a private school so designated may extend the school lunch  
4 period for the purpose of serving lunches to needy elderly  
5 persons, subject to the following conditions and restric-  
6 tions:

7 (1) The charge to such persons for each lunch shall not  
8 exceed fifty cents.

9 (2) The lunches served shall meet the nutritional stan-  
10 dards established by the department of education.

11 (3) The procedure determined by such school committee or  
12 such private school in serving such lunches shall be approved  
13 by the commission on aging and the office of school lunch  
14 programs and nutrition education in the department of  
15 education.

16 (4) The commission on aging shall provide each such  
17 person with an identification card certifying his eligibility to  
18 participate in such lunch program.

19 As used in this section the words "needy elderly persons"  
20 shall mean persons over fifty-nine years of age whose  
21 monthly income and liquid assets do not exceed the limita-  
22 tions established for medical assistance for the aged in the  
23 commonwealth. The commonwealth may, subject to appro-  
24 priation from the Local Aid Fund, reimburse any partici-  
25 pating city or town or private school for such costs, excluding  
26 any costs for equipment, as are incurred in excess of fifty  
27 cents for each such lunch, upon written request by such city

28 or town or such private school to the commissioner of  
29 education on such form as he may prescribe. If the  
30 commissioner approves such request, he shall certify to the  
31 comptroller that such payments are due and the state trea-  
32 surer shall pay the same. No expenditure of funds shall be  
33 made under this act unless there is allocated for the purposes  
34 of this program at least seven thousand five hundred dollars  
35 annually by the federal government.

1 SECTION 2. The commission on aging may designate as part  
2 of a pilot program not more than ten municipalities which  
3 agree to participate in such program, and may also designate  
4 any private school which is willing to participate in each such  
5 municipality.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall cease to be operative two years  
2 after its effective date.

