

HOUSE No. 1438

By Mr. Danovitch of Norwood, petition of Alan Paul Danovitch for legislation to authorize the use of school lunch room facilities for the benefit of elderly persons. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ELDERLY CITIZENS.

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

1 In cities and towns in which the school committee prepares
2 and sells lunches at school buildings for the pupils and
3 teachers of the public schools, the school committee shall
4 extend the school lunch period for the serving of lunches to
5 elderly persons under the following conditions or restrictions:

6 (a) The school board or department of any municipality
7 may determine the cost of said meals provided it does not
8 exceed fifty cents per meal for each person taking advantage
9 of the program;

10 (b) The commonwealth of Massachusetts shall reimburse
11 the cities and towns for any costs above the figure determined
12 by the school board or department, as a reasonable charge for
13 the service to the elderly, provided that, if the figure is less
14 than half of the maximum charge of fifty cents, the munic-
15 ipality shall share equally the cost of the program with the
16 commonwealth in that municipality;

17 (c) Said school board or department will determine the
18 proper procedure for accepting participants in the program
19 and will at all times provide the same quality of service and
20 meals as that provided in the normal school-lunch program of
21 the municipality;

22 (d) That the procedure determined by the school board or
23 department be submitted for approval by the Massachusetts
24 commission on aging, and that this said agency be required to
25 provide any assistance and information necessary to municipi-
26 palities in order to accomplish the desired results, and this
27 will include assistance in increasing federal surplus food
28 allotments to municipalities which will become necessary as
29 the program is implemented.