

HOUSE No. 4851

By Messrs. Ryan of Haverhill and Bevilacqua of Haverhill (by request), petition of the Reform Welfare Organization of Haverhill that cities and towns be required to assign public officers to investigate welfare frauds. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY CITY OR TOWN TO ASSIGN PUBLIC OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATE WELFARE FRAUDS.

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 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
- 2 ing after section 101 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 101A.* Every city or town shall assign one member of
- 4 its police department for each fifty thousand unit of population
- 5 to conduct investigations of persons suspected of having obtained
- 6 public aid through fraudulent means. The amount of the
- 7 salaries of such police officers shall be reimbursed to the respec-
- 8 tive cities or towns by the department of public welfare of the
- 9 commonwealth.

