

HOUSE No. 59

Accompanying the seventh recommendation of the Department of Community Affairs
(House, No. 52). Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECTS

*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. Section 25 of chapter 121B of the General
2 Laws, is hereby amended by deleting the words "that a public
3 exigency exists which makes the clearance of substandard or
4 decadent areas and the provision of housing for persons of low
5 income a public necessity" and by inserting in lieu thereof the
6 following: —

7 "... that a public exigency exists which makes the clearance
8 of substandard or decadent areas, the provision of housing and
9 the provision of commercial concessions supplying, at conveni-
10 ent locations, goods and services, for persons of low income a
11 public necessity".

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 26 of said chapter
2 121B as so inserted, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 words "wages and other factors affecting housing needs and
4 markets" the following words: —

5 "... studies of the need for the provision, in convenient
6 locations, of essential goods and services for the needs of
7 residents of low rent housing projects".

1 SECTION 3. Said section 26 is hereby further amended by
2 adding after subsection (i) the following new subsection: —

3 "(j) Subject to the approval of the department, to lease

4 space in any low rent housing project to commercial or other
5 for profit individuals or organizations supplying essential goods
6 and services for the needs of the residents of low rent housing
7 projects; provided, however, that the words "essential goods
8 and services" shall be deemed to mean services necessary to
9 the maintenance of a decent, safe and sanitary mode of living
10 for such persons; provided further, that the individuals or
11 organizations supplying such goods and services shall be pro-
12 perly designed, as determined by rules and regulations promul-
13 gated from time to time by the department and by applicable
14 statutes and ordinances; and provided that, if practicable, as
15 determined by the department and the housing authority, such
16 individuals or organizations shall be located on the first floor
17 on any of the project buildings or shall be located in buildings
18 within the project but separate from buildings containing living
19 quarters".