

HOUSE No. 76

Accompanying the twenty-fourth recommendation of the Department of Community Affairs (House, No. 52). The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING REPLACEMENT HOUSING PAYMENT WHEN NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

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 79A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding after section 7 the following new section: —

3 “Section 7A. If similar compensation by way of replacement
4 housing payments or otherwise is not available under any
5 federal or any other state laws or regulations, a local public
6 agency may make a payment to a displaced family or individ-
7 ual who is the owner of real property improved by a single or
8 two family dwelling and who has been the owner thereof for a
9 period of not less than one year prior to the initiation of
10 negotiations for the acquisition of such property. Such pay-
11 ment, not to exceed five thousand dollars, shall be an amount
12 which, when added to the acquisition payment, equals the
13 average price required for a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling
14 adequate in size to accommodate the displaced owner reason-
15 ably accessible to public services and places of employment and
16 available on the private market. Such payment may be made
17 only to a displaced owner who purchases and occupies a
18 dwelling within one year subsequent to the date on which he is
19 required to move from the dwelling acquired for the project.”

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