

SENATE . . . . . No. 1524

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, July 7, 1972.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of Samuel Harmon for legislation to provide that certain increases in the amount payable under the federal Social Security Act shall not be considered an asset in determining aid to be given by the Public Welfare Department; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1789) of Thomas F. Brownell that provision be made for additional public assistance to eligible persons over the age of sixty-five years; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1790) of Thomas F. Brownell and Peter C. McCarthy that benefits granted to recipients under old age assistance be increased by twenty per cent; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1791) of Norton C. O'Brien relative to increasing the amount of public assistance payable to persons over the age of sixty-five years; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1998) of David S. Liederman and other members of the General Court that recipients of old age assistance be permitted to benefit from increases in federal social security payments, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1524).

For the committee,

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PASSING ON CERTAIN SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES TO RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, DISABILITY ASSISTANCE, AND INCREASING THE TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE UNDER THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE LAWS.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose which is, to pass on certain Social Security  
3 Increases to recipients of Old Age Assistance, and Disability  
4 Assistance, and to increase the transportation allowance for  
5 recipients of Old Age Assistance and Disability Assistance,  
6 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, neces-  
7 sary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 one of Chapter 118A of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Section 1 of Chapter 698  
3 of the Acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by adding at  
4 the end of the first paragraph thereof the following: — and  
5 provided, further, that seven dollars and fifty cents of any  
6 income from Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance  
7 Benefits under Title 42 shall be disregarded as permitted by  
8 the federal social security act.

1    SECTION 2. Said section is further amended by striking out  
2 in the third paragraph, thereof, the words "twelve dollars and  
3 fifty cents" and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 words — eighteen dollars.

1    SECTION 3. Section four of Chapter 118D of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Section 2 of Chapter 698  
3 of the Acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by adding at  
4 the end of the third sentence thereof the following words: —  
5 and, provided, further, that seven dollars and fifty cents of

6 any income from Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance  
7 Benefits under Title 42 shall be disregarded as permitted by  
8 the federal social security act.

1 SECTION 4. Said section is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out in the last sentence thereof the word "ten dollars"  
3 and inserting in place thereof the words: — fifteen dollars  
4 and fifty cents.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall apply to monthly payments of  
2 Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance commencing Oc-  
3 tober first, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

5 any income from Old Age Benefits and Disability Payments  
 7 Benefits under Title 42 shall be disregarded as permitted by  
 8 the Federal Social Security Act.

1 Section 4. Said section is hereby further amended by  
 2 striking out in the first sentence the words "and the  
 3 and including property thereof the worded -- subject thereto  
 4 including estate"

1 Section 5. This act shall apply to income tax years of  
 2 Old Age Benefits Payments, Disability Payments, and  
 3 that that include benefits and payments.

4 The following amendments are hereby made to the  
 5 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, to-wit:

6 Section 101. This act shall apply to income tax years of  
 7 Old Age Benefits Payments, Disability Payments, and  
 8 that that include benefits and payments.

9 Section 102. This act shall apply to income tax years of  
 10 Old Age Benefits Payments, Disability Payments, and  
 11 that that include benefits and payments.

12 Section 103. This act shall apply to income tax years of  
 13 Old Age Benefits Payments, Disability Payments, and  
 14 that that include benefits and payments.

15 Section 104. This act shall apply to income tax years of  
 16 Old Age Benefits Payments, Disability Payments, and  
 17 that that include benefits and payments.

18 Section 105. This act shall apply to income tax years of  
 19 Old Age Benefits Payments, Disability Payments, and  
 20 that that include benefits and payments.