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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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SENATE, April 24, 1973.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 1074) of Jack H. Backman, John A. Businger, Barney Frank, Melvin H. King, Edward L. Burke and Robert Owens for legislation to provide cost of living adjustments for recipients of disability assistance, aid to families with dependent children and general relief; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1161) of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Boston, by Melville Chapin and others and members of the General Court for legislation to provide cost of living adjustments for recipients of disability assistance, aid to families with dependent children and general relief; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1173) of Mario Umana and Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., for legislation to provide for adjustments of budgetary standards under the assistance to disabled person law, so-called and under the so-called general relief law to provide for cost of living changes; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1174) of Mario Umana and Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., for legislation to provide for adjustments of budgetary standards under the aid to families with dependent children law, so-called to provide for cost of living changes, the so much of the recommendations of the State Advisory Board of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 214) as relates to providing for adjustments of budgetary standards under the aid to families with dependent children law, so-called (House, No. 215); the so much of the recommendations of the State Advisory Board of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 214) as relates to providing for adjustments of budgetary standards under the assistance to disabled persons law, so-called, and under the so-called general relief law (House, No. 216); and the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 3546) of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Boston, Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., Michael J. Daly, Chester G. Atkins,

Joseph F. Timilty and others that provision be made for cost of living adjustments for recipients of disability assistance, aid to families with dependent children and general relief, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1647).

For the Committee,

**JACK H. BACKMAN.**

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF DISABILITY ASSISTANCE, AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND GENERAL RELIEF AND VETERAN'S BENEFITS.

*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 one hundred seventeen of  
2 the general laws, as appearing in chapter nine hundred eight  
3 of the acts of one thousand nine hundred seventy-one, is here-  
4 by amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

5 The department shall keep informed as to changes in the  
6 cost of living as shown by the United States Consumer Price  
7 Index. Changes in the cost of living shall be computed by com-  
8 paring the current monthly United States Consumer Price In-  
9 dex with said Index for the month next preceding in which  
10 the change in the cost of living was sufficient to require a  
11 change in the budgetary standards pursuant to this section.  
12 Whenever said monthly statistics show an over-all increase or  
13 decrease in the cost of living of three per cent or more since  
14 the month, next preceding, in which the change in the cost  
15 of living was sufficient to require a corresponding change in  
16 the budgetary standards, the department shall immediately  
17 increase or decrease the total budget of each recipient by  
18 the same proportion, notwithstanding any other provisions of  
19 this chapter, to become effective on the first day of the month  
20 next following the end of thirty days from the date of said  
21 three per cent or more over-all increase or decrease in the  
22 cost of living. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter  
23 to the contrary, the department of public welfare shall at all  
24 times provide adequate standards of assistance and shall, from  
25 time to time, increase the budgetary requirement to maintain  
26 such adequate standards. The provisions of this paragraph  
27 shall not apply in the case of inmates of boarding homes or

28 institutions who are receiving assistance under this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of chapter one hundred eighteen  
2 of the general laws, as most recently amended by chapter six  
3 hundred fifty-eight of the acts of one thousand nine hundred  
4 sixty-seven is hereby amended by adding thereto the follow-  
5 ing paragraphs:

6 The department shall keep informed as to changes in the  
7 cost of living as shown by the United States Consumer Price  
8 Index. Changes in the cost of living shall be computed by com-  
9 paring the current monthly United States Consumer Price In-  
10 dex with said Index for the month next preceding in which  
11 the change in the cost of living was sufficient to require a  
12 change in the budgetary standards pursuant to this section.  
13 Whenever said monthly statistics show an over-all increase or  
14 decrease in the cost of living of three per cent or more since  
15 the month, next preceding, in which the change in the cost of  
16 living was sufficient to require a corresponding change in the  
17 budgetary standards, the department shall immediately in-  
18 crease or decrease the total budget of each recipient by the  
19 same proportion, notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
20 chapter, to become effective on the first day of the month next  
21 following the end of thirty days from the date of said three  
22 per cent or more over-all increase or decrease in the cost of  
23 living. Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the  
24 contrary, the department of public welfare shall at all times  
25 provide adequate standards of assistance and shall, from time  
26 to time, increase the budgetary requirements to maintain such  
27 adequate standards. The provision of this paragraph shall not  
28 apply in the case of inmates of boarding homes or institutions  
29 who are receiving assistance under this chapter.

1 SECTION 3. Section four of chapter one hundred eighteen D  
2 of the general laws, as appearing in section two of chapter one  
3 hundred sixty-nine of the acts of one thousand nine hundred  
4 seventy is hereby amended by adding thereto the following  
5 paragraphs:

6 The department shall keep informed as to changes in the

7 cost of living as shown by the United States Consumer Price  
8 Index. Changes in the cost of living shall be computed by com-  
9 paring the current monthly United States Consumer Price In-  
10 dex with said Index for the month next preceding in which the  
11 change in the cost of living was sufficient to require a change  
12 in the budgetary standards pursuant to this section. Whenever  
13 said monthly statistics show an over-all increase or decrease in  
14 the cost of living of three per cent or more since the month,  
15 next preceding, in which the change in the cost of living was  
16 sufficient to require a corresponding change in the budgetary  
17 standards, the department shall immediately increase or de-  
18 crease the total budget of each recipient by the same propor-  
19 tion, notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, to  
20 become effective on the first day of the month next following  
21 the end of thirty days from the date of said three per cent or  
22 more over-all increase or decrease in the cost of living. Not-  
23 withstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the  
24 department of public welfare shall at all times provide ade-  
25 quate standards of assistance and shall, from time to time, in-  
26 crease the budgetary requirements to maintain such adequate  
27 standards. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply in  
28 the case of inmates of boarding homes or institutions who are  
29 receiving assistance under this chapter.

1 SECTION 4. Section five of chapter one hundred fifteen of  
2 the general laws, as appearing in chapter four hundred two  
3 of the acts of one thousand nine hundred sixty-eight is here-  
4 by amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

5 The department shall keep informed as to changes in the  
6 cost of living as shown by the United States Consumer Price  
7 Index. Changes in the cost of living shall be computed by com-  
8 paring the current monthly United States Consumer Price In-  
9 dex with said Index for the month next preceding in which the  
10 change in the cost of living was sufficient to require a change  
11 in the budgetary standards pursuant to this section. Whenever  
12 said monthly statistics show an over-all increase or decrease in  
13 the cost of living of three per cent or more since the month,  
14 next preceding, in which the change in the cost of living was

15 sufficient to require a corresponding change in the budgetary  
16 standards, of veterans' benefits shall immediately be increased  
17 or decreased by the total budget of each recipient by the same  
18 proportion, notwithstanding any other provisions of this chap-  
19 ter, to become effective on the first day of the month next  
20 following the end of thirty days from the date of said three  
21 per cent or more over-all increase or decrease in the cost of  
22 living.

23 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the con-  
24 trary, the department of veterans' services shall at all times  
25 provide adequate standards of assistance and shall, from time  
26 to time, increase the budgetary requirements to maintain such  
27 adequate standards. The provisions of this paragraph shall not  
28 apply in the case of inmates of boarding homes or institutions  
29 who are receiving assistance under this chapter.

1 SECTION 5. The first cost of living change made pursuant to  
2 this act shall be made whenever the United States Consumer  
3 Price Index shows an over-all increase or decrease in the cost  
4 of living of three per cent or more from June first, nineteen  
5 hundred and seventy-one. Whenever this occurs, the depart-  
6 ment of public welfare and the department of veterans' serv-  
7 ices shall immediately increase or decrease the total budget  
8 of each recipient by the same proportion, notwithstanding any  
9 other provisions of these chapters to become effective on the  
10 first day the month next following the end of thirty days  
11 from the date of said three percent or more over-all increase  
12 or decrease in the cost of living.



The following information was obtained from the subject's file on 1 April 1970. The subject is a male, born [redacted] in [redacted]. He is currently residing at [redacted]. The subject has been employed by [redacted] since [redacted]. He is currently employed as a [redacted]. The subject has a [redacted] degree from [redacted] in [redacted]. He is currently employed by [redacted] as a [redacted]. The subject has been employed by [redacted] since [redacted]. He is currently employed as a [redacted]. The subject has a [redacted] degree from [redacted] in [redacted]. He is currently employed by [redacted] as a [redacted].

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