

By Mrs. Gannett of Wayland and Mr. Brennan of Malden (by request), petition of Thomas F. Shine for legislation to increase the reimburseable moving costs to owners of real estate taken by eminent domain. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING REIMBURSABLE MOVING COSTS TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN.

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 1 of chapter 79A of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 759 of the
3 acts of 1968, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 definition "Moving costs" and inserting in place thereof the
5 following definition: —

6 "Moving costs", shall be (1), in the case of individuals and
7 families, the costs of packing insuring and carting of property
8 and incidental costs of disconnecting and reconnecting house-
9 hold appliances; and

10 (2) in the case of business concerns, the costs of dis-
11 mantling, crating, insuring, transporting, reassembling, re-
12 connecting and reinstalling of personal property, exclusive of
13 the cost of any additions, improvements, alterations or other
14 physical changes in or to any structure in connection with
15 effecting such reassembly, reconnection or reinstallation.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 79A, as most re-
2 cently amended by chapter 315 of the acts of 1971, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first paragraph and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The taking agency shall give to each occupant, not later than
6 the day before the date such occupant is required to move, a
7 minimum moving costs payment of twenty-five dollars or a

8 certificate which, when redeemed by the mover, shall guarantee
9 payment to such mover for the reasonable and necessary
10 charges for moving. Such certificate shall be redeemed by the
11 mover by delivery thereof to the taking agency, with such
12 other documentation as the taking agency shall require; and the
13 mover shall be paid by such agency an amount equal to the
14 reasonable and necessary charges for moving.