

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of Raymond L. Flynn, Ronald A. Pina, James Segel, John A. Businger, Doris Bunte, Melvin H. King and Thomas H. D. Mahoney relative to extending the rent and eviction control law. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXTENDING THE RENT AND EVICTION CONTROL LAW

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. The General Court hereby finds and declares
2 that the serious public emergency with respect to the housing of
3 a substantial number of citizens of the Commonwealth first
4 declared in Section 1 of Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970 has
5 continued and in many areas of the Commonwealth has
6 measurably worsened, due primarily to conditions beyond the
7 control of the commonwealth and its cities and towns or the
8 citizens thereof, which conditions include the chronic inflation
9 gripping the nation's economy and particularly the sharply
10 increased costs of land and housing construction, the world-wide
11 energy crises, the regressive policies of moratorium and retrench-
12 ment adopted by certain federal agencies toward housing
13 construction in particular and the needs of low-income persons
14 and urban areas in general, and the greatly diminished public
15 confidence in the willingness or ability of government at all
16 levels, and the national government in particular, to act swiftly,
17 effectively and wisely to correct any or all of these conditions or
18 to meet the housing needs of all segments of the population: and
19 that said conditions will lead to, produce and exacerbate serious
20 threats to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the
21 commonwealth and particularly of certain municipalities therein

22 unless the system of fair and orderly regulation and control of
23 residential rents and evictions authorized pursuant to said
24 chapter 842 is continued without interruption or substantial
25 weakening so that those persons of low and moderate income
26 currently protected in part from the inequitable and deleterious
27 effects of said substantial shortage of decent, safe and sanitary
28 housing shall not suddenly be left to cope with said public
29 emergency without adequate financial resources or legal safe-
30 guards.

1 SECTION 2. Section 13 of chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970 is
2 hereby amended by striking the words "April the first, nineteen
3 hundred and seventy-five" and inserting in their place the
4 following: October the first, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.