

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2515

By Mr. Owens of Boston, petition of Bill Owens, Doris Bunte, David J. Lionett, Ronald A. Pina, Melvin H. King, Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., George Keverian and Royal L. Bolling, Jr., relative to the continuation of the model cities program. Urban Affairs.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

### **AN ACT AUTHORIZING A STATE PROGRAM FOR MODEL CITY PROGRAMS.**

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the continuation of  
3 model city programs after they are no longer funded by the  
4 federal department of housing and urban development, therefore,  
5 it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the  
6 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. Chapter 23B of the General Laws, as inserted  
2 by chapter 761 of the acts of 1968, is hereby amended by adding  
3 after section 23 thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 24.* As used or referred to in this section the  
5 following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have  
6 the following meanings: "model city program" means a program  
7 which has previously been designated by and authorized for  
8 funding by the department of housing and urban development  
9 under the demonstration cities and metropolitan development  
10 act of 1966, as amended; "citizen participation program" means  
11 an entity created pursuant to the requirements of title I, section  
12 103, of the demonstration cities and metropolitan development  
13 act of 1966 for the purposes of providing widespread citizen

14 participation in the planning, development and implementation  
15 of the model city program.

16 1. The commonwealth acting by and through the division of  
17 social and economic opportunity of the department of commu-  
18 nity affairs may enter into a contract with a municipality for  
19 state financial assistance for a model city program or for any  
20 component thereof and for a corresponding citizen participation  
21 organization; provided, that an appropriation has been made for  
22 said contract and provided further, that a percentage of said  
23 financial assistance in each said contract which is not less than  
24 the percentage received by the corresponding citizen participa-  
25 tion organization of the total federal model city program  
26 grant-in-aid received by the municipality in the preceding year  
27 shall be for the citizen participation organization. Not more than  
28 one model city program and one citizen participation organiza-  
29 tion shall be recognized per municipality or group of munici-  
30 palities. A contract shall be entered into for the purpose of  
31 continuing, in whole or in part, support for a model city program  
32 and the corresponding citizen participation organization for  
33 which such federal grant-in-aid had been received and has  
34 thereafter been reduced or discontinued.

35 2. Subject to appropriation, contracts with municipalities  
36 under this section shall be in amounts proportioned among the  
37 municipalities authorized to receive funds for model city  
38 programs and the corresponding citizen participation organiza-  
39 tions, based on the level of funding for the preceding fiscal year.

40 3. The division of social and economic opportunity of the  
41 department of community affairs is further authorized to make  
42 available technical assistance to any municipality, group of  
43 municipalities, community action, or private non-profit agency  
44 for the purposes of planning a model city program. No more than  
45 five per cent of any funds appropriated for the purposes of this  
46 section shall be allocated to the department for its administrative  
47 expenses.

48 4. Recognition of a model city program by the division of  
49 social and economic opportunity shall not preclude the model  
50 city program or the corresponding citizen participation organiza-  
51 tion from receiving grants or contracts from appropriate federal,  
52 state, or local agencies to pay the cost of providing the services  
53 described herein.

1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to  
2 the department of community affairs the sum of \$8 million to  
3 carry out the purposes of this act.

