

HOUSE No. 6138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 28, 1974.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the issuance of life insurance policies for blind persons (House, No. 829), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 6138).

For the committee,

JOHN E. MURPHY, Jr.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR BLIND PERSONS.

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 120A the following section: –
3 *Section 120B.* No insurer authorized to issue policies on the
4 lives of persons in the commonwealth may refuse, for the sole
5 reason of blindness, to issue a policy of individual life insurance
6 on the life of any such person residing in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section 9 of chapter 176 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 62 of the acts of 1973, is
3 hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: –
4 No society authorized to issue certificates under this chapter
5 may refuse to admit to benefit membership any person,
6 otherwise qualified, for the sole reason of blindness.

1 SECTION 3. Section 31 of said chapter 176, as appearing in
2 section 1 of chapter 540 of the acts of 1958, is hereby amended
3 by adding the following sentence: – No society authorized to
4 issue certificates under this chapter may refuse to admit to
5 benefit membership any person, otherwise qualified, for the sole
6 reason of blindness.

1 SECTION 4. Section 6 of chapter 178 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “application”, in line 13, the words: – ;
4 provided, however, the said insurance department may not
5 decline or reject any application for the sole reason of blindness.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect December thirty-first,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-four.