

**SENATE . . . . . No. 383**

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By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 383) of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, by Sybil Goldman, Jack H. Backman, John F. Cusack and Edward C. Alessi for legislation to provide cost of living increases for certain needy people. Health Care.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT PROVIDING COST OF LIVING INCREASES FOR CERTAIN  
NEEDY PEOPLE.**

*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 2 of chapter 118A of the General Laws,  
2 as inserted by section 22 of chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973,  
3 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first para-  
4 graph the following sentence: —

5 The cost of living increase provided in this paragraph shall  
6 be applicable to any person who qualifies for supplementary  
7 security income granted pursuant to title XVI who is in a  
8 hospital, extended care facility, nursing home, or intermediate  
9 care facility receiving payments under title XIX of the federal  
10 social security act.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 27 the following sec-  
3 tion :—

4 *Section 28.* The monthly allowance for clothing, personal  
5 needs and leisure time activities which is allowed to recipients  
6 of aid under this chapter who are not maintaining their own  
7 homes but are receiving care in a licensed nursing home,  
8 licensed chronic hospital or in an approved public medical  
9 institution shall be increased annually at the same rate as  
10 state supplementary payments for the aged and disabled under  
11 section two of chapter one hundred and eighteen A.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of section one and two of this  
2 act shall apply retroactively to the cost of living increase that  
3 went into effect on July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-  
4 four under the provisions of section two of chapter 118A of  
5 the general laws, inserted by chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973.

1 SECTION 4. Section nineteen of chapter 283 of the acts of  
2 1976 is hereby amended by striking out wherever it appears  
3 the word "thirty" and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
4 ing word: -- forty.

1 SECTION 5. The first sentence of the first paragraph of sec-  
2 tion 2 of chapter 118A of the General Laws, as most recently  
3 amended by section 28A of chapter 283 of the acts of 1976, is  
4 hereby further amended by striking out the words ", subject  
5 to appropriation,".

1 SECTION 6. The fifth paragraph of section 2 of chapter 118  
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section  
3 25A $\frac{1}{2}$  of chapter 684 of the acts of 1975, is hereby amended  
4 by striking out the words ", subject to appropriation,".

1 SECTION 7. The second sentence of paragraph (a) of sec-  
2 tion 102 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
3 section 25A of chapter 684 of the acts of 1975, is hereby  
4 amended by striking out said sentence and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following sentence: —

6 "In the event that such comparison indicates an increase  
7 in the cost of living of at least three per cent, the retirement  
8 allowance, pension, or annuity of every former employee of  
9 the commonwealth, or of any county, city, town, district,  
10 housing or redevelopment authority, or of the Massachusetts  
11 Turnpike Authority, or of the spouse or other beneficiary of  
12 any such former employee who is receiving a retirement  
13 allowance, pension, or annuity shall be increased by such  
14 per centum."