

HOUSE No. 3738

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation to restore the annual cost-of-living increase for the elderly, blind and disabled. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE ELDERLY, BLIND AND DISABLED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The first paragraph of section 2 of chapter 118A of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 283 of the acts of 1976,
3 is hereby further amended by striking the first paragraph and
4 inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:—

5 Effective July first of every year, the level of any state supple-
6 mentary payment authorized by section one plus the level of federal
7 supplemental security income in effect at such time shall be
8 increased by a percentage amount equal to the percentage rise in
9 the United States Consumer Price Index for January first of that
10 year over the level of said Index for January first of the previous
11 year plus such additional percentage amount as is recommended
12 annually by the department and appropriated by the general court.
13 In determining said additional percentage amount, consideration
14 shall be given to the goal of reaching, within a reasonable time, a
15 total income level equal or consistent with the current budget at the
16 intermediate level of living for a retired couple established by the
17 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, for the
18 metropolitan Boston area.

