

By Mr. Loring of Action, petition of John H. Loring 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-Eight.

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

