

HOUSE No. 3175

By Mr. Giordano of Methuen, petition of Larry F. Giordano and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate eligibility for aid to families with dependent children. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING ELIGIBILITY FOR AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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 118 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the
3 following paragraph: —

4 An eligible parent who is married to a person who is not the
5 parent of one or more of the eligible parent's children shall not
6 be eligible for benefits if the household income exceeds the
7 eligibility standard for benefits in the commonwealth; provided,
8 however, that the eligible parent's natural children shall be eligible
9 for benefits according to a sliding income scale established by the
10 department which does not take into account the income of the
11 eligible parent's spouse, if the total annual household income does
12 not exceed one hundred and fifty percent of the official poverty
13 level, adjusted for family size, established pursuant to
14 section 673 (2) of Subtitle B, the "Community Services Block
15 Grant Act," of Pub.L.97-35 (42 U.S.C. S 9902 (2)). The spouse
16 of the eligible parent and the spouse's natural child, if any, who
17 is not the eligible parent's natural child, who is living with the
18 family shall not be eligible for benefits. For the purposes of this
19 paragraph, an "eligible parent" shall mean a person who is or
20 would be eligible parent" shall mean a person who is or would
21 be eligible for benefits under this chapter based upon the income
22 of such person and such person's natural children.

1 SECTION 2. The department of public welfare shall promul-
 2 gate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this act.