
By Mr. Della Russo, a petition of Harry Della Russo for legislation to provide that the Commonwealth reimburse cities and towns for general relief expenditures. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSE CITIES
AND TOWNS FOR GENERAL RELIEF EXPENDITURES.

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 117 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 19 the following section:—
3 *Section 19A.* The commonwealth shall reimburse each town
4 for all sums expended or paid by it under this chapter for
5 the relief or support of persons therein. All accounts for
6 reimbursement by the commonwealth to a town for moneys
7 expended or paid under this chapter shall be submitted to the
8 commissioner of public welfare on forms prescribed by him,
9 and if approved by the said commissioner and certified by the
10 comptroller, but not otherwise, shall be paid by the state
11 treasurer from funds appropriated therefor. The approval of
12 accounts by the commissioner shall have the effect of a pro-
13 visional pre-audit of such accounts, and such reimbursements
14 shall be subject to verification and adjustment by the depart-
15 ment. Adjustments shall be made by increasing or decreasing
16 subsequent reimbursements under this chapter by the amount
17 of such adjustment.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January first,
2 nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

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