

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to provide that applications for public housing shall not be denied because of the presence in the family of illegitimate children or because the applicant has been convicted of certain crimes. Urban Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT TO INSURE THAT CERTAIN PUNITIVE STANDARDS ARE NOT USED  
TO DENY ADMISSION TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

*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 26 FF of chapter 121 of the General Laws is further
- 2 amended by adding the following:—
- 3 No applicant who would have otherwise been eligible shall
- 4 be denied admission to public housing for any arbitrary rea-
- 5 son, including but not limited to the fact that (1) the appli-
- 6 cant is a member of a family in which there are children born
- 7 out-of-wedlock, or (2) the applicant is a member of a family
- 8 in which one parent is absent, or (3) the applicant has a
- 9 criminal record. If, however, the applicant has been convicted
- 10 within the past two years of arson, murder, kidnapping, child
- 11 molesting, sale of narcotics, armed robbery, assault with dan-
- 12 ous weapon, forcible rape, or statutory rape, he may but need
- 13 not be denied admission.
- 14 An unmarried person with custody of a child or children
- 15 shall be considered a family.

The Committee on Education of the House of Representatives has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Committee on the State of the Union, and to express its appreciation for the valuable information contained therein.

**The Committee on Education**

in the Year from January 1st to December 31st, 1900.

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1. Section 2075 of Chapter 134 of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking the following:
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