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By Mr. Paquette of Fall River (by request), petition of Leand J. Harrington and others that the Department of Public Welfare be authorized to pay rentals of tenants who are welfare recipients directly to landlords. Social Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO PAY RENTAL OF WELFARE RECIPIENT TENANTS DIRECTLY TO REAL ESTATE OWNERS.

*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. The department of public welfare and subdivi-  
2 sions thereof are hereby authorized to pay that portion of checks  
3 of welfare recipients which is specifically allocated for purposes  
4 of shelter directly to the real estate owners in whose property  
5 said recipients are bona fide tenants.

1 SECTION 2. No such payments shall be made unless said real  
2 estate owners have given written notice to the department of  
3 the tenancy of a welfare recipient.

1 SECTION 3. Real estate owners to whom such payments are  
2 made by said department shall give written notice to said de-  
3 partment within forty-eight hours of the ending of such tenancy  
4 for any purpose whatsoever.

