

By Mr. Carney of Boston, petition of Robert H. Quinn (Attorney General) and Daniel W. Carney relative to the penalty for persons making false representation to the Department of Public Welfare in order to obtain fraudulent welfare claims and payments. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR
FRAUDULENT WELFARE CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:*

1 Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 5B as added by section 6 of chapter 885 of
3 the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 5B.* Any person or institution which knowingly
6 makes a false representation to the department of public wel-
7 fare or the agents, for the purpose of causing any person,
8 including the person making such representations, to be sup-
9 ported in whole or in part by the commonwealth, or for the
10 purpose of procuring a payment under any assistance program
11 administered by the department, shall be punished by a fine of
12 not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred dollars
13 or by imprisonment for not more than one year.

14 Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent the
15 institution of criminal proceedings for the violation of any
16 other criminal statute of the commonwealth.

The Committee on Finance has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, relating to the apportionment of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and to advise you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

AS PASSED FEBRUARY 10, 1892, RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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