

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger relative to the licensing of persons or firms supplying roommate services. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF ROOMMATE SERVICES.

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

1 For the purposes of this section, the term roommate services
2 shall mean any person or firm who for a fee, commission or other
3 valuable consideration, finds, offers to find or seeks to find persons
4 to share living quarters with any other person.

5 Any person operating a roommate service shall be licensed by
6 the consumer protection division of the office of the attorney
7 general, unless said person was engaged in the operation of such a
8 service prior to January one, nineteen hundred and seventy-five
9 and such service has continued uninterrupted. All such services
10 shall be granted a one year probationary license mutually and upon
11 good behavior during such period a three year license subsequent
12 thereto. All such services shall post a bond of twenty thousand
13 dollars with said division to be used to reimburse any consumer
14 adjudged to be damaged by any actions of such services.

