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SENATE No. 564

By Mr. Lees, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 564) of Brian P. Lees, Joseph F. Wagner and Jane M. Swift for legislation to provide for direct payment of rent of recipients of public assistance. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF RENT.

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 27 of Chapter 18 of the Massachusetts General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding after the first paragraph the following: —
4 The department shall pay directly to any landlord or manager
5 of any federal, state or municipally subsidized housing or housing
6 project the rent of recipients of public assistance who have
7 received emergency assistance for rental or mortgage liability,
8 after written notification by the code enforcement agency of the
9 city or town that the housing conforms to the minimum
10 requirements established by said agency. An amount equal to the
11 rent shall be deducted from the amount otherwise payable to said
12 recipient.

