

HOUSE No. 4818

By Messrs. Weinberg of Boston and Epstein of Boston, petition of Norman S. Weinberg and Arnold I. Epstein (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to impose a rent control law. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO IMPOSE A RENT CONTROL LAW IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
2 when public exigency, emergency or distress exists in the city
3 of Boston, the city council of said city, with the approval of
4 the mayor, may by ordinance control the rent for the use or
5 occupancy of housing accommodations in structures having
6 eight or more dwelling units, and may create a Rent Board
7 and empower it to establish as the maximum rent for housing
8 accommodations in the city of Boston the rent in effect
9 therefor on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred
10 and sixty-eight, or such higher amount as may be necessary
11 to remove hardships or correct inequities.

