

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FURNISHING OF ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN AGED CITIZENS.

Chap. 259

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter three hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-one is hereby amended by striking out, in the second line, the word "and" the first time it occurs and inserting in place thereof a comma, — and also by inserting after the word "thirty-two" in the same line the words: — and nineteen hundred and thirty-three, — so as to read as follows: —

1931, 398, § 1, amended.

Section 1. In each of the years nineteen hundred and thirty-one, nineteen hundred and thirty-two and nineteen hundred and thirty-three, an old age assistance tax of one dollar shall be assessed on every male inhabitant of the commonwealth above the age of twenty, whether a citizen of the United States or an alien. A statement of the purpose of such tax shall appear on the face of the tax bill. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the poll tax authorized to be assessed by the assessors of the Shelburne Falls Fire District pursuant to the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

Temporary old age assistance tax on male inhabitants of state above the age of twenty.

SECTION 2. Said chapter three hundred and ninety-eight is hereby further amended by striking out section eight and inserting in place thereof the following: —

1931, 398, § 8, amended.

Section 8. Out of the sum of two million four hundred thousand dollars, which is the estimated amount of the proceeds of the old age assistance tax imposed by section one of this act in the years nineteen hundred and thirty-one and nineteen hundred and thirty-two, cities and towns shall be reimbursed, without appropriation, on or before November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, as hereinafter provided by clauses (a) and (b), for assistance given by them to aged citizens under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighteen A of the General Laws, inserted therein by section one of chapter four hundred and two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty, during the ten months' period ending April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, if accounts therefor are rendered to the department of public welfare on or before June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, and are approved by said department and certified by the comptroller, but not otherwise:

Reimbursement of cities and towns for assistance to aged citizens during certain period, if accounts therefor are rendered to department of public welfare on or before June 15, 1932, and are approved by department and certified by comptroller.

(a) In respect to such assistance given to persons having no settlement in the commonwealth, the total amount thereof;

(b) In respect to all other such assistance given, in the proportion that said estimated amount of the proceeds of said old age assistance tax in said years nineteen hundred and thirty-one and nineteen hundred and thirty-two less the amount to be reimbursed under said clause (a) bears to the total amount of such other assistance given by cities and towns during said ten months' period, as shown by said accounts rendered, approved and certified as aforesaid.

Out of the proceeds of said tax in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and any balance of the proceeds of said tax in the years nineteen hundred and thirty-one and nineteen hundred and thirty-two, cities and towns shall be reimbursed, on or before November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, as provided by section three of said chapter one hundred and eighteen A, as amended, for assistance given by them as aforesaid during the twelve months ending April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and for such assistance given by them during the ten months' period ending April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, for which reimbursement has not been made under clause (a) or clause (b) aforesaid, if accounts therefor are rendered, approved and certified as aforesaid prior to April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-three.

G. L. 118A, § 3,  
amended.

Cities and  
towns to be  
reimbursed by  
commonwealth  
for assistance  
given, etc.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eighteen A of the General Laws, inserted by section one of chapter four hundred and two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty, is hereby amended by striking out section three and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 3.* In respect to all aged persons in receipt of assistance under this chapter, the town rendering the assistance shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth for one third of the amount of assistance given, or, if the person so aided has no settlement in the commonwealth, for the total amount thereof. If the person so aided has a legal settlement in another town, two thirds of the amount of such assistance given may be recovered in contract against the town liable therefor in accordance with chapter one hundred and seventeen. All accounts against the commonwealth for allowances to cities and towns on account of moneys paid for which they are entitled to reimbursement by the commonwealth hereunder shall be rendered to the department on or before June fifteenth annually, and shall be for the twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of April preceding, and, if rendered as aforesaid, approved by the department and certified by the comptroller but not otherwise, shall be paid by the commonwealth.

*Approved May 27, 1932.*