

HOUSE No. 1783

By Mr. Jordan of Revere, petition of Peter J. Jordan for legislation relative to the payment of hospital care furnished to recipients of old age assistance. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL CARE FURNISHED TO RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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 1 of chapter 118A of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 683 of the acts of
3 1945, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 last paragraph of such section, as inserted by section 2
5 of chapter 532 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in
6 place thereof the following paragraph:

7 Expenses for hospital care rendered to an aged per-
8 son may be paid directly to the person or hospital
9 furnishing such service. Expenses for medical and
10 other services rendered to an aged person which re-
11 main unpaid at the time of his commitment to an in-
12 stitution as an insane person, or expenses for similar
13 services rendered to an aged person which remain
14 unpaid at the time of his death, and also the expenses
15 of his funeral may be paid directly to the person fur-

16 nishing such services; and, in addition, expenses for
17 medical and other services rendered to an aged person
18 may be paid directly to the person furnishing such
19 services, subject to any rule or regulation of the de-
20 partment relative to reimbursement under this chap-
21 ter, in any case where such payment is necessary to
22 discharge an obligation incurred in securing such serv-
23 ices for such aged person.