

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to establish a local emergency relief fund. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

*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. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 203 the following two sec-  
3 tions: —

4 Section 204. (a) There is established a local emergency relief  
5 advisory committee comprised of: — The secretary of adminis-  
6 tration and finance, the secretary of communities and develop-  
7 ment, the secretary of transportation and construction, the  
8 secretary of public safety, and the director of the office of civil  
9 defense preparedness, or their designees;

10 (b) The secretary of administration and finance shall be the  
11 chairman of the local emergency relief advisory committee. The  
12 committee may adopt such bylaws and guidelines and shall  
13 adopt such eligibility standards as it deems advisable to carry  
14 out the purposes of section two hundred and five.

15 Section 205. (a) A municipality may apply for an emergency  
16 relief grant to reimburse such municipality for documented  
17 expenses related to any emergency occurring on or after January 1,  
18 1989. To receive a grant from the local emergency relief fund,  
19 a municipality shall furnish to the secretary of the office of  
20 administration and finance in the form and manner prescribed by  
21 the secretary, a grant application that shall consist of: (1) a brief  
22 description of the nature of the emergency necessitating state  
23 assistance and a reference to any official proclamation declaring  
24 an emergency situation to exist; (2) a certified copy of the action  
25 taken or to be taken by the municipality for emergency response;

26 and (3) certification that such municipality's emergency response  
27 activities meet the criteria set forth by the local emergency relief  
28 advisory committee.

29 (b) The local emergency relief advisory committee shall rec-  
30 commend approval or disapproval of each completed application  
31 for an emergency relief grant within thirty days of receipt of an  
32 application and shall recommend approval if the committee finds  
33 that: (1) The emergency for which grant assistance is requested  
34 meets the criteria set forth by the committee; (2) sufficient funds  
35 are available within the local emergency relief fund; and (3) grant  
36 proceeds shall be used to reimburse costs associated with local  
37 emergency response activities or to satisfy local matching  
38 requirements for federal assistance under the Federal Disaster  
39 Relief Act.

40 (c) Upon recommendation by the local emergency relief advi-  
41 sory committee of approval of an application for an emergency  
42 relief grant, and upon approval of such recommendation by the  
43 finance advisory committee, the secretary of the office of admin-  
44 istration and finance shall certify to the comptroller the amount  
45 due to the municipality. Not later than fifteen days after such cer-  
46 tification, the comptroller shall draw his order on the treasurer  
47 and, not later and fifteen days thereafter, the treasurer shall pay  
48 the grant to the municipality.

49 (d) Each municipality receiving an emergency relief grant  
50 under this section shall use the grant for the reimbursement of eli-  
51 gible costs associated with local emergency response activities or  
52 to satisfy a local matching requirement for federal disaster assis-  
53 tance. If the municipality should at any time recover any portion  
54 of such costs from another source, the municipality shall repay  
55 the local emergency relief fund for a reimbursement to the extent  
56 of such recovery.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 2J the following section: —

3 Section 2K. There is established a fund to be known as the  
4 "local emergency relief fund". The purpose of the local emer-  
5 gency relief fund shall be to provide for the payment of grants to  
6 municipalities to relieve or assist in the relieving of a situation  
7 certified by the local emergency relief advisory committee, estab-

8 lished pursuant to section two hundred and four of chapter six to  
 9 be an unusual and serious condition endangering public health  
 10 and welfare and requiring the immediate expenditure of public  
 11 funds by a particular municipality or municipalities. The fund  
 12 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the  
 13 fund and shall be held in trust separate and apart from all other  
 14 moneys, funds and accounts. Investment earnings credited to the  
 15 assets of said fund shall become part of the assets of said fund.  
 16 Any balance remaining in said fund at the end of any fiscal year  
 17 shall be carried forward in said fund for the fiscal year next suc-  
 18 ceeding.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 164 of the acts of 1988 is  
 2 hereby amended by inserting after item 0611-5800 the following  
 3 item: —

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| 0611-5900 | For emergency relief to cities and towns pursuant to section<br>two hundred and four and two hundred and five of chapter<br>six of the General Laws..... | 5,000,000. |
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The first part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Henry the Second. It describes the state of the kingdom, the power of the nobles, and the weakness of the king. It then proceeds to a detailed account of the reign of King Henry the Second, and the various events that took place during that period. The second part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Richard the First. It describes the state of the kingdom, the power of the nobles, and the weakness of the king. It then proceeds to a detailed account of the reign of King Richard the First, and the various events that took place during that period.

The third part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King John. It describes the state of the kingdom, the power of the nobles, and the weakness of the king. It then proceeds to a detailed account of the reign of King John, and the various events that took place during that period. The fourth part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Henry the Third. It describes the state of the kingdom, the power of the nobles, and the weakness of the king. It then proceeds to a detailed account of the reign of King Henry the Third, and the various events that took place during that period.

The fifth part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Richard the Second. It describes the state of the kingdom, the power of the nobles, and the weakness of the king. It then proceeds to a detailed account of the reign of King Richard the Second, and the various events that took place during that period. The sixth part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Henry the Fourth. It describes the state of the kingdom, the power of the nobles, and the weakness of the king. It then proceeds to a detailed account of the reign of King Henry the Fourth, and the various events that took place during that period.