

By Mrs. Sprague, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 715) of Jo Ann Sprague, Bruce E. Tarr, Brian P. Lees, Michael R. Knapik, Robert L. Hedlund and Richard R. Tisei for legislation to increase the personal care allowance for rest home residents. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL CARE ALLOWANCE FOR REST HOME RESIDENTS.

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. Section 15 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 deleting in the fourth paragraph the following words:—
4 “a licensed rest home.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 15 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting at the end of the fourth paragraph the following new
4 paragraph:—

5 Any person who is eligible for assistance under the provisions
6 of this chapter who is not maintaining his or her own home and
7 who is receiving care in a licensed rest home shall retain the first
8 eighty dollars of monthly income for clothing, personal needs
9 allowance, and leisure time activities. If there is no such income,
10 or if such income is less than eighty dollars, the recipient shall be
11 paid, in advance, the difference between such income and eighty
12 dollars. Effective July 31, 2000, this amount shall be increased at
13 the same time and at the same percentage rate as increases
14 payable to individuals who are maintaining their own homes and
15 who are receiving state supplemental security income payments
16 under sections one and two of chapter one hundred eighteen A.

1 SECTION 3. Section 1 of Chapter 117A of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 deleting in the second paragraph the following words:—
4 “a licensed rest home”.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 117A of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding at the end of the following new paragraph:—

4 Any person who is eligible for assistance under the provisions
5 of this chapter, who is not maintaining his or her own home, and
6 who is receiving care in a licensed rest home shall retain the first
7 eighty dollars of monthly income for clothing, personal needs
8 allowance, and leisure time activities. If there is no such income,
9 or if such income is less than eighty dollars, the recipient shall be
10 paid the difference between such income and eighty dollars.