

By Messrs. McKenna of Springfield and Connelly of Agawam, petition of Arthur J. McKenna and Edward W. Connelly that recipients of old age assistance, aid to the blind and disability assistance be authorized to benefit from increases in the federal supplemental security income program. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PERMITTING RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AID TO THE BLIND AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASES IN THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM.

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 118A of the General Laws as appearing
2 in chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973 is hereby amended by adding
3 after section 2 the following new section:—

4 *Section 2A.* Whenever there is an increase in the level of the
5 federal supplemental security income payment, the level of the
6 combined federal supplementary security income payment and
7 the state supplementary payment in effect at such time shall be
8 increased by an amount equal to said increase in the federal
9 supplemental security income payment; provided, however, that
10 the state is held harmless by the federal government for the cost of
11 said increase in the combined payment level and that the cost of
12 said increase is borne by the federal government. Any increase
13 made under the provisions of this section shall be in addition to
14 any annual increase required by section 2 and shall not be
15 counted as part of the increase required by said section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 36 of chapter 118A of the General Laws
2 as appearing in chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973 is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
4 paragraph:—

5 The increases required by the provisions of this section shall be
6 in addition to any increases made under the provisions of section
7 2A of chapter 118A of the General Laws, and any increases made
8 under said section 2A shall not be counted as part of the increases
9 required by this section.