

HOUSE No. 1132

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray for legislation to require state agencies to render decisions within ninety days. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO RENDER DECISIONS WITHIN NINETY DAYS.

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 11 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out subsection 8 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following subsection:—

4 (8) Every agency shall render a decision within ninety days after
5 public hearings held on a matter within its jurisdiction. Every
6 agency decision should be in writing or stated in the record.

7 The decision shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons
8 for the decision; including determination of each issue of fact or
9 law necessary to the decision, unless the General Laws provide
10 that the agency need not prepare such statement in the absence of
11 a timely request to do so. Parties to the proceeding shall be
12 notified in person or by mail of the decision; of their rights to
13 review or appeal the decision within the agency or before the
14 courts, as the case may be; and of the time limits on their rights to
15 review or appeal. A copy of the decision and of the statement of
16 reasons, if prepared, shall be delivered or mailed upon request to
17 each party and to his attorney of record.

