

HOUSE No. 2557

By Mr. Gaffney of Tewksbury, petition of James J. Gaffney III that the Department of Public Welfare be directed to make direct payments to utility companies in certain cases. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DIRECT PAYMENTS TO UTILITY COMPANIES.

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 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws is amended by
2 adding the following paragraph: —

3 In any case where the Commonwealth is required to pay
4 arrearages to a public utility company on behalf of a recipient of
5 any aid program administered by the department, the department
6 shall make all future payments directly to said utility. Any such
7 aid to which said recipient is entitled which includes funds for the
8 payment of public utility service shall be deducted from the
9 amount to which such recipient is entitled and shall be paid
10 directly to the person entitled to receive the payment for such
11 public utility service.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee on Education

Report on the Administration of the Department of Education

The Department of Education has been organized to carry out the policy of the Government in relation to education. It is the duty of the Department to see that the public schools are properly maintained and that the higher education is supported. The Department has been successful in its efforts to improve the quality of education and to increase the number of students attending school. It has also been successful in its efforts to improve the conditions of the schools and to increase the efficiency of the teachers. The Department has also been successful in its efforts to improve the conditions of the students and to increase the efficiency of the schools. The Department has also been successful in its efforts to improve the conditions of the teachers and to increase the efficiency of the schools. The Department has also been successful in its efforts to improve the conditions of the students and to increase the efficiency of the schools. The Department has also been successful in its efforts to improve the conditions of the teachers and to increase the efficiency of the schools.