

By Mr. Long of Dover, petition of Charles W. Long that persons holding any interest in real estate, except a single family home, shall not be eligible for welfare benefits. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE BENEFITS WHO HOLDS ANY INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE EXCEPT A HOME WHICH IS VALUED FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES AT NOT MORE THAN THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

*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 1 of chapter 117 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 569 of the acts of 1972, is  
3 hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—  
4 Except as may otherwise be provided by federal law or  
5 regulation as a condition for the continued receipt of federal  
6 contributions or reimbursement for all or part of the funds  
7 expended under this chapter, no person shall be eligible for  
8 assistance hereunder who holds any interest in real estate except a  
9 single family home in which such person resides, provided, in the  
10 case of a home, that such home is not valued for more than thirty  
11 thousand dollars for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 18 of chapter 885 of the acts of  
3 1969, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
4 paragraph:—  
5 Except as may otherwise be provided by federal law or  
6 regulation as a condition for the continued receipt of federal  
7 contributions or reimbursement for all or part of the funds  
8 expended under this chapter, no person shall be eligible for  
9 assistance hereunder if such person, or any parent of such person

10 with whom such person resides, holds any interest in real estate  
11 except a single family home in which such person resides,  
12 provided, in the case of a home, that such home is not valued for  
13 more than thirty thousand dollars for purposes of assessment of  
14 real estate taxes.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 118A of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 4, as most recently amended by  
3 section 39 of chapter 658 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 4.* Except as may otherwise be provided by federal law  
6 or regulation as a condition for the continued receipt of federal  
7 contributions or reimbursement for all or part of the funds  
8 expended under this chapter, no person shall be eligible for  
9 assistance hereunder who holds any interest in real estate except a  
10 single family home in which such person resides, provided, in the  
11 case of a home, that such home is not valued for more than thirty  
12 thousand dollars for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes.

1 SECTION 4. Section 7 of chapter 118D of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by section 25 of chapter 885 of the acts  
3 of 1969, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
4 paragraph: —

5 Except as may otherwise be provided by federal law or  
6 regulation as a condition for the continued receipt of federal  
7 contributions or reimbursement for all or part of the funds  
8 expended under this chapter, no person shall be eligible for  
9 assistance hereunder who holds any interest in real estate except a  
10 single family home in which such person resides, provided, in the  
11 case of a home, that such home is not valued for more than thirty  
12 thousand dollars for purposes of assessment of real estate taxes.

1 SECTION 5. Section 1 of chapter 118E of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in section 1 of chapter 800 of the acts of 1969, is  
3 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

4 Except as may otherwise be provided by federal law or  
5 regulation as a condition for the continued receipt of federal  
6 contributions or reimbursement for all or part of the funds

7 expended under this chapter, no person shall be eligible for  
8 assistance hereunder if such person, or any parent of such person  
9 with whom such person resides, holds any interest in real estate  
10 except a single family home in which such person resides,  
11 provided, in the case of a home, that such home is not valued for  
12 more than thirty thousand dollars for purposes of assessment of  
13 real estate taxes. For purposes of this paragraph the definition of  
14 the term "parent" shall be the definition appearing in section one  
15 of chapter one hundred and eighteen.

1 SECTION 6. The first paragraph of section 10 of said chapter  
2 118E, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 800 of the acts of 1969,  
3 is hereby amended by striking out clause (2).

