

By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, petition of David B. Sullivan and David H. Tuttle for legislation to further regulate direct rental payments to landlords by the Department of Transitional Assistance, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.  
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AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING DIRECT PAYMENT OF RENT TO LANDLORDS  
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

*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 27 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 first paragraph the following paragraph: —  
4 The department shall, upon the written request of the landlord  
5 and recipient, pay directly to the landlord the rent of such recip-  
6 ient of public assistance by deducting the amount of the rent from  
7 the amount otherwise payable to the recipient; provided, however,  
8 that the department receives written notification from the code  
9 enforcement agency of the city or town that the housing conforms  
10 to the minimum requirements established by said agency; and pro-  
11 vided, further, that said direct payment to the landlord shall con-  
12 tinue unless the landlord and recipient agree to terminate such  
13 direct payment or the tenant moves from such housing.

