

By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, petition of Stephen Kulik that the Department of Transitional Assistance be directed to provide work-related transportation assistance to certain low-income working families. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT PROVIDING ACCESS-TO-JOBS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Department of Transitional Assistance shall administer an
2 Access to Jobs program to provide work-related transportation
3 assistance to eligible low-income working families, provided that
4 a family is eligible for Access to Jobs assistance if (a) the family
5 has one or more dependent children, (b) one or more adults in the
6 family are employed, and (c) total family income is below the fed-
7 eral poverty level or the family is receiving benefits under chapter
8 118 of the General Laws or has received such benefits within the
9 preceding twelve months; provided further, that subject to appro-
10 priation, the Access to Jobs program shall reimburse eligible fam-
11 ilies for their work-related transportation costs; provided further,
12 that reimbursements shall not exceed \$150 per month per family,
13 and if based upon mileage, shall not exceed the cost of the least
14 expensive mode of efficient and reliable transportation; provided
15 further, that work-related transportation costs shall include the
16 costs of repair to a participant's vehicle, costs for travel to and
17 from employment for adults in the family and to and from child
18 care or after-school programs for their dependents; provided fur-
19 ther, that no family may receive reimbursement under this pro-
20 gram for more than one year, except that reimbursements paid to
21 employed recipients of benefits under chapter 118 of the General
22 Laws shall not count towards the one year limits.

