

By Mr. Thompson of Cambridge, petition of Alvin E. Thompson, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and Shirley Owens-Hicks relative to the homelessness intercept program of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HOMELESSNESS INTERCEPT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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 Subdivision () of section _____ of chapter _____ of the
3 General Laws, as appearing in the _____ Official Edition, is
4 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —
5 () That the cities of Boston and Cambridge together with the
6 Town of Brookline receive additional emergency funding through
7 the Department of Housing and Community Development for
8 housing service and stabilization of existing tenancies in pri-
9 vately-owned rental housing, and for housing search activities, to
10 assist tenants who have or had protective status under rent control
11 which expired on December 31, 1996. This additional funding
12 replaces part of the State’s reduced “Safety Net” funds and will be
13 utilized to assist in preventing eviction and providing assistance to
14 search for alternative affordable housing for protected or formerly
15 protected tenants whose gross family incomes are at or
16 below 80% of the median income for the Metropolitan Boston
17 Area.

