

By Mr. Cusack of Arlington, petition of John F. Cusack, Andrew J. Rogers, Jr., Michael W. Morrissey, David Robert Nelson, F. John Monahan and Joseph F. Timilty for legislation to prohibit rent increases to elderly housing tenants due to cost of living increases in social security benefits. Urban Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

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AN ACT PROHIBITING RENT INCREASES TO ELDERLY HOUSING TENANTS  
DUE TO COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

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

1 Clause (e) of section 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, as amended  
3 by section 10 of chapter 689 of the acts of 1974, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence: — Notwithstanding any pro-  
5 vision of law to the contrary, no elderly person of low income, or  
6 handicapped person of low income, shall be required to pay more  
7 than twenty per cent of his or her income without utilities or  
8 twenty-five per cent with utilities for rent dwelling units in projects  
9 or parts of projects constructed or leased or purchased under this  
10 chapter, provided in determining the net income for the purpose of  
11 computing the rent of an elderly person of low income, a housing  
12 authority shall exclude increases in state supplemental payments  
13 and federal supplemental security income benefits caused by a rise  
14 in the United States Consumer Price Index.

