

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson and other members of the House for legislation to make certain changes in the emergency assistance program. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REFORMING THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

*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 2 of Chapter 18, as last amended by  
2 Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by adding at the  
3 end of phrase (d) of the third paragraph of subsection D the follow-  
4 ing: And a program of disaster assistance, which shall be limited to  
5 natural disasters including fires.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 18, as last amended by  
2 Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1983, by striking out in phrase (d) of the  
3 last paragraph the words: Provided, however, that the provision of  
4 assistance shall not be delayed by such utilization.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of Chapter 18, as last amended by  
2 Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by adding at the  
3 end of phrase (a) of subsection D the following: Provided, however,  
4 that in the case of mortgage payments, the Department shall place a  
5 lien on the dwelling for the purpose of recovering said mortgage  
6 payments; provided however, that the Department shall only  
7 recover said payments upon the sale of the dwelling or upon the  
8 voluntary repayment by the recipient.

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