

By Mr. Paleologos of Woburn, petition of Nicholas A. Paleologos that provision be made for the establishment of a fuel assistance fund for elderly persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FUEL CRISIS INTERVENTION FUNDING FOR THE ELDERLY POOR.**

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

1 Either by direct appropriation or the transfer of funds from an  
2 existing account of the Fiscal 79-80 Budget, with the approval of  
3 the Secretary of Administration and Finance and the House Chair-  
4 man of Ways and Means; that the sum of \$5,000,000 (five million)  
5 be appropriated for the elderly poor as defined in Title XX.

6 This fund is to be administered by the local C.A.P.I.C. agencies  
7 either through the use of fuel stamps or vouchers which will be  
8 redeemable by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

9 The amount allocated under this measure shall not exceed \$500.  
10 for a person or persons living in one household for one fiscal year.

11 This allotment shall be for elderly who are tenants in apartments  
12 or their own household and qualify under Title XX. And those  
13 elderly who are in subsidized housing (Section 8 and Section 707)  
14 and not in public housing.

15 Because of the dire necessity, the C.A.P.I.C. organizations shall  
16 begin to accept applications immediately and document these cases  
17 by utilizing the resources at their command and full cooperation of  
18 city and state agencies (outreach programs).

19 This fund shall be a revolving fund and supplemented with  
20 whatever federal funds are allocated for same.

21 This act shall go into effect upon the approval of the Governor.

22 This act shall be kept separate and apart from any other inter-  
23 vention and funding by either Welfare or A.F.D.C.

