

HOUSE No. 5104

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 26, 1970.

The committee on Taxation, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Fred F. Cain relative to further regulating real property tax exemptions for blind persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 958) of Alan Paul Danovitch relative to real estate tax exemptions for blind persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3003) of James F. Hart and another for legislation to increase the amount of real property of blind persons to be exempt from taxation and providing that such exemption be based on the assessed value of such real property; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4153) of Edward A. McColgan, Alan D. Sisitsky and Francis C. Lapointe for legislation to increase the amount of real property of blind persons to be exempted from taxation; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4340) of Charles Ohanian for legislation to increase the amount of real estate tax exemptions granted to blind persons, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 5104).

For the committee,

JAMES A. O'BRIEN, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF REAL PROPERTY OF BLIND PERSONS TO BE EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.

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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by striking out clause Thirty-seventh, as most
- 3 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 615 of the acts of
- 4 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—
- 5 Thirty-seventh, Real property, to the amount of four
- 6 thousand dollars, of a blind person who is a legal resident of
- 7 the commonwealth, whether such property be owned by him
- 8 separately or jointly or as a tenant in common; provided,
- 9 that such property is occupied by such person as his domicile.