

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4591

By Mr. LaFontaine of Gardner, petition of Raymond M. LaFontaine relative to the administration of the public welfare system and providing for the local operation of the system by cities and towns. Social Welfare.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR THE LOCAL OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 repealed and all provisions of law, rules and regulations relative  
3 to public welfare in effect prior to October third, nineteen  
4 hundred and sixty-seven are hereby revived. The transition  
5 from state to local control shall, with respect to employees, be  
6 made without any reduction in salary and without loss or  
7 impairment of seniority, retirement or other rights to which  
8 uninterrupted service in the employee's position would have  
9 entitled him. The said transition shall be made without impair-  
10 ment of any employee's civil service status or tenure under  
11 section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws.

12 Upon the effective date of this act any federal contribution  
13 received by the commonwealth for local welfare purposes shall  
14 be transmitted to the cities and towns through their local  
15 boards in the manner effective prior to July first, nineteen  
16 hundred and sixty-eight and the balance of the total cost of  
17 welfare shall be borne by the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Any person aggrieved by a ruling or decision of  
2 the local public welfare board, may within ten days appeal

3 from such ruling or decision to the state review board which  
4 shall be established by the commissioner of public welfare.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July first, nineteen  
2 hundred and seventy-three.