

SENATE No. 318

By Mr. Owens, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 318) of Bill Owens, Shirley Owens-Hicks and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to provide for the payment of reparations by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for slavery, the slave trade and invidious discrimination against the people of African descent born or residing in the United States of America. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR SLAVERY, THE SLAVE TRADE AND INVIDIOUS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT BORN OR RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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

1 The commonwealth of Massachusetts shall pay reparation to
2 people of African descent, born in the United States for
3 malfeasance and culpable nonfeasance of the Commonwealth, its
4 agents, employees and citizens with regard to the institution of
5 African slavery, the African slave trade, and invidious
6 discrimination against descendants of Africans born in, or
7 residing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Common-
8 wealth shall establish an African Reparation Commission which
9 shall negotiate with legitimate representation of African
10 descendants born in the United States for the payment of the
11 above indicated reparations.

