

HOUSE No. 95

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 92). Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN SO CALLED.

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

1 Chapter 118 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 1 of said chapter, as most re-
3 cently amended by chapter 487 of the acts of 1939,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 1.* The following words and phrases as
6 used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise re-
7 quires, shall have the following meanings: —

8 “*Dependent Child*”, a child under the age of sixteen,
9 or under the age of eighteen if found to be regularly
10 attending school, who has been deprived of parental
11 support or care by reason of the death, continued ab-
12 sence from home, or physical or mental incapacity of
13 a parent, and who is living with his father, mother or
14 other parent in a place of residence maintained by
15 one or more of such relatives as his or their own home
16 whether or not they or any of them have a settlement
17 within the commonwealth.

- 18 “*Parent*”, shall include, in addition to the father
19 and mother of the dependent child, the following:—
20 stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister; any
21 blood relative, including those of half blood, except
22 cousins, nephews or nieces; adoptive parents of equal
23 propinquity to the foregoing; and the spouses of any
24 such persons.
- 25 “*Aid to Dependent Children*”, money payments with
26 respect to a dependent child or dependent children.
- 27 “*Department*”, the department of public welfare.