

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Michael Paul Feeney relative to construction of housing for the elderly. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat
2 its purpose, which is to provide protection and design of one and
3 two-story units of housing for the elderly that takes into account
4 and reflects an understanding of the special needs, psychological
5 and physical, of the older population, therefore it is hereby
6 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public convenience.

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. For the purposes of providing comfort, safety,
2 and well being for the elderly who are in need of public housing,
3 construction of one and two-story units shall be encouraged and
4 given priority over all other types of high-rise towers and barrack-
5 type multiple housing.

1 SECTION 2. Said units shall contain no more than four
2 apartments per building with particular attention being paid to
3 maintaining proper safeguards for tenant protection, and that said
4 properties be adequately landscaped to provide suitable space
5 between buildings and streets.

1 SECTION 3. The Commonwealth, acting by and through the
2 Department of Community Affairs for the development cost of

3 housing projects for elderly persons of low income may enter into a
4 contract or contracts with a housing authority for state financial
5 assistance in the form of a grant by the Commonwealth. The total
6 amount of all notes guaranteed under this section shall not exceed
7 two hundred million dollars. The contract or contracts for
8 financial assistance may provide for additional state financial
9 assistance in the form of a guarantee by the Commonwealth of
10 notes of the housing authority issued to temporarily finance the
11 development cost of said projects but the amount guaranteed on
12 account of any project shall not exceed the amount of grant for
13 that project.