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By Mr. Sullivan of Cambridge, petition of Jeremiah J. Sullivan and another that the word "veteran" be redefined as used in the law relative to the retirement allowance of certain war veterans in the public service. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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AN ACT REDEFINING THE WORD "VETERAN" AS USED IN THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

*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 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 677 of the acts of  
3 1945, is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
4 word "eighteen" in line 7, as appearing in section 1  
5 of chapter 514 of the acts of 1943, the words: —, or  
6 in World War II, so called, — so as to read as follows:  
7 — *Section 56.* A person who has served in the army,  
8 navy or marine corps of the United States in the  
9 Spanish war or Philippine insurrection between April  
10 twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and  
11 July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, or in the world  
12 war between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seven-  
13 teen, and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and

14 eighteen, or in World War II, so called, and has been  
15 honorably discharged from such service or released  
16 from active duty therein, in sections fifty-six to sixty,  
17 inclusive, called a veteran, who is in the service of the  
18 commonwealth, or of any county, city, town or dis-  
19 trict thereof, shall be retired, with the consent of the  
20 retiring authority, if incapacitated for active service,  
21 at one half of the highest regular rate of compensa-  
22 tion, including any allowance for maintenance, pay-  
23 able to him while he was holding the grade held by  
24 him at his retirement, and payable from the same  
25 source; provided, that he has been in the said service  
26 at least ten years, has reached the age of fifty, and has  
27 a total income from all sources, exclusive of such re-  
28 tirement allowance and of any sum received from the  
29 government of the United States as a pension for war  
30 service, not exceeding five hundred dollars.

31 Any allowance for maintenance referred to in this  
32 section or in section fifty-seven or fifty-eight, if re-  
33 ceived otherwise than as a cash payment, shall be in  
34 an amount equal to the value thereof as fixed by the  
35 director of personnel and standardization if the vet-  
36 eran is in the employ of the commonwealth, by the  
37 county personnel board if the veteran is in the employ  
38 of a county, and by the retiring authority if the vet-  
39 eran is in the employ of a city, town or district.