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By Mr. Connolly of Boston, petition of Paul J. McCarty that certain persons be made eligible to receive veterans' benefits notwithstanding that they reside with persons who are being supported at public expense. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS' BENEFITS NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THEY RESIDE WITH PERSONS WHO ARE BEING SUPPORTED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE.

*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 fourth paragraph of section 5 of chapter 115 of  
2 the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter  
3 584 of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended by striking  
4 out, in lines 9 and 10, the words "chapter one hundred  
5 and seventeen or", — so as to read as follows: — No  
6 veteran or dependent shall be compelled to receive  
7 veterans' benefits without his consent. He shall re-  
8 ceive such benefits at home, or at such other place as  
9 the veterans' agent may deem proper, but he shall  
10 not be compelled to receive the same at an infirmary  
11 or public institution unless his physical or mental con-  
12 dition so requires, or, if a minor, unless his parents or

13 guardians so elect, and, except in such case, such  
14 benefits shall be paid only to or for a person who lives  
15 separate from persons receiving support under chap-  
16 ter one hundred and twenty-two. The veterans' agent  
17 or the commissioner may require a person to whom  
18 veterans' benefits are granted to pay over his United  
19 States pension or compensation to them to be expended  
20 for his relief before receiving such benefits.