
By Mr. Doherty of Medford, petition of Thomas J. Doherty and another that provision be made for annuities for blind veterans. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ANNUITIES TO BLIND VETERANS.

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 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 6C the following new sec-
3 tions: —

4 *Section 6D.* Any veteran as defined in section six A
5 hereof who is suffering from total blindness sustained
6 from injury received during his service shall be paid,
7 in addition to any other aid to which a veteran is
8 entitled, the sum of one thousand dollars annually in
9 monthly payments. Such payments shall be due and
10 payable from the date of his application.

11 *Section 6E.* Evidence of the service and disability
12 mentioned in sections six D and six E shall be furnished
13 to the commissioner of veterans' services, who shall
14 examine the same and upon being satisfied that the
15 service was performed and the veteran has been ren-
16 dered totally blind, shall so certify to the comptroller,
17 whereupon said annuity shall be paid by the common-
18 wealth, subject to appropriation, from the veterans'
19 services fund.

