

# SENATE . . . . No. 336

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, March 18, 1930.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to which was referred the Senate Bill making certain children of veterans eligible to receive soldiers' relief (Senate, No. 128, changed), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act making certain children of certain veterans eligible to receive soldiers' relief" (Senate, No. 336), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

CHARLES W. FAULKNER.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

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An Act making Certain Children of Certain Veterans eligible to receive Soldiers' Relief.

*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 one hundred and fifteen of the  
2 General Laws, as most recently amended in  
3 section seventeen by chapter one hundred and  
4 ten of the acts of the current year, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out said section  
6 seventeen and inserting in place thereof the  
7 following:—

8 *Section 17.* If a person who served in the  
9 army or navy of the United States in the war  
10 of the rebellion, in the army, navy or marine  
11 corps in the war with Spain or the Philippine  
12 insurrection between April twenty-first, eighteen  
13 hundred and ninety-eight, and July fourth,  
14 nineteen hundred and two, or in the army, navy  
15 or marine corps in the world war and received  
16 an honorable discharge from all enlistments  
17 therein, and who has a legal settlement in a  
18 town in the commonwealth, becomes poor and  
19 wholly or partly unable to provide maintenance  
20 for himself, his wife or minor children under

21 sixteen years of age or for a dependent father  
22 or mother, unless such condition is the result  
23 of his own criminal or wilfull misconduct, or  
24 if such person dies leaving a widow or minor  
25 children under sixteen years of age, or minor  
26 children over sixteen but under eighteen years  
27 of age who attend school or are incapacitated  
28 for work, or a dependent father or mother  
29 without proper means of support, or if such  
30 person served as aforesaid in the war of the  
31 rebellion or in the war with Spain or in the  
32 Philippine insurrection between said dates and  
33 dies leaving children over eighteen years of  
34 age who are crippled, blind or otherwise help-  
35 less and who are receiving in their own right a  
36 pension from the United States, such support  
37 as may be necessary shall be accorded to him  
38 or his said dependents by the town where they  
39 or any of them have a legal settlement, and  
40 his said dependents, in the case of his death,  
41 shall not be deemed ineligible to receive said  
42 support by reason of criminal or wilful mis-  
43 conduct on his part at any time during his life-  
44 time; but should such person have all the said  
45 qualifications except settlement, if he served  
46 in the war of the rebellion, or in the army, navy  
47 or marine corps in the war with Spain or the  
48 Philippine insurrection between said dates, his  
49 widow, who has acquired a legal settlement  
50 in her own right before August twelfth, nineteen  
51 hundred and sixteen, which settlement has  
52 not been defeated or lost, or if he served in the

53 world war and at the time of his decease was  
54 a legal resident of this commonwealth, his  
55 widow, who has a legal settlement and who has  
56 not remarried, and his minor children under  
57 sixteen years of age, and those over sixteen  
58 but under eighteen years of age who attend  
59 school or are incapacitated for work, shall also  
60 be eligible to receive relief under this section.  
61 Such relief shall be furnished by the aldermen  
62 or selectmen, or, in Boston, by the soldiers'  
63 relief commissioner, subject, however, to the  
64 direction of the city council of said city as to  
65 the amount to be paid. The beneficiary shall  
66 receive said relief at home, or at such other  
67 place as the aldermen, selectmen or soldiers'  
68 relief commissioner deem proper, but he shall  
69 not be compelled to receive the same at an  
70 infirmary or public institution unless his physical  
71 or mental condition requires, or, if a minor,  
72 unless his parents or guardian so elect.