

HOUSE No. 1264

Bill accompanying the petition of Ernest R. Redmond relative to pay and allowances of the volunteer militia and naval brigade. Military Affairs. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Compensation and Allowances of Members of the Volunteer Militia and Naval Brigade.

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. Chapter six hundred and four of the acts
2 of the year nineteen hundred and eight, section one
3 hundred and seventy-four, as amended by chapter six
4 hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nine-
5 teen hundred and eleven, and chapter three hundred and
6 ninety-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
7 twelve, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—
8 There shall be allowed and paid to each officer and soldier
9 required to travel on duty, as follows: under sections one
10 hundred and forty-one, one hundred and forty-two,
11 one hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-two, and

12 one hundred and sixty, two cents a mile each way, com-
13 puted by the most direct railroad communication from the
14 place in which the headquarters of the various commands
15 and the armories of the companies are situated, but the
16 commander-in-chief, when the exigencies of the service
17 may require, may allow four cents a mile in lieu of two
18 cents; and when upon duty as a member or judge
19 advocate of any military court or board, or as a witness
20 or defendant before such court or board, when appearing
21 before the board or examiners provided for in section
22 sixty-three, when attending meetings of officers and non-
23 commissioned officers, as provided in section one hun-
24 dred and fifty-eight, when on duty at any state rifle or
25 revolver competition or at the annual rifle competition
26 of any regiment, corps, or unattached battalion, or the
27 annual rifle competition of the naval brigade, when
28 acting as the presiding officer at an election, as an
29 elector at the election of a general or field officer, or as
30 a paymaster, or in any case when obliged by orders of
31 the commander-in-chief to travel without troops, — four
32 cents a mile each way, computed by the most direct
33 railroad communication from the residence of the officer
34 or soldier. There shall annually be allowed and paid
35 a sum for instruction in riding not exceeding ten dollars
36 per man for the aggregate enlisted strength entitled by
37 law to be mounted. Certificates signed by the com-
38 manding officer of each organization, stating the number
39 of men in his command who have received such instruc-
40 tion and who have ridden at least five times under
41 proper military instruction, shall be furnished to the
42 adjutant general, and upon his approval payments shall
43 be made from said sum to the commanding officer of
44 each organization at the rate of ten dollars for each
45 man in his command, not exceeding the maximum legal

46 enlisted strength thereof, so certified as having received
47 instruction. There shall annually be allowed and paid
48 out of the treasury of the commonwealth to every
49 person who has held a commission in the Massachusetts
50 volunteer militia and who has served the whole of the
51 year preceding the first day of April of each year, the
52 sum of fifty dollars, upon the approval of the adjutant
53 general, and of the intermediate commander of organi-
54 zations, and upon their certification that such persons
55 during the said period of service have complied with
56 the provisions of section one hundred and six of this
57 act; and every commissioned officer who has not held
58 his office during the whole of said year shall, upon the
59 approval and certification by the officers specified in this
60 section and in the manner aforesaid, be allowed and
61 paid such sum as may equitably be due him for that
62 part of the year during which he actually served.
63 There shall annually be allowed and paid for the care
64 of and responsibility for military property of the
65 commonwealth in their charge, to each company com-
66 mander of infantry, fifty dollars; to the commander of
67 each troop of cavalry, one hundred dollars; to the
68 commander of the first corps of cadets, two hundred
69 and fifty dollars; to the commander of the second corps
70 of cadets, two hundred and fifty dollars; to each
71 commander of a battery of field artillery, three hundred
72 dollars; to the regimental commander of each infantry
73 regiment, the commander of the field artillery battalion,
74 the commander of the squadron of cavalry, fifty dollars
75 each; to the signal corps commander, two hundred
76 dollars; to the commander of the naval brigade, and to
77 the commander of the coast artillery corps, five hundred
78 dollars each, and to the commander of the ambulance
79 hospital corps company, fifty dollars, and the commander

80 of the field hospital, one hundred dollars; from which the
81 adjutant general may deduct the cost of all articles lost
82 by neglect or losses unsatisfactorily explained, before
83 certification to the auditor for payment. When military
84 property loaned by the United States government to the
85 commonwealth has suffered loss or injury, the amount
86 of such loss or injury shall be paid to the United States
87 government out of the treasury of the commonwealth
88 upon the approval of the adjutant general, and the
89 amounts so paid shall be deducted from allowances
90 herein made payable to officers of the militia or from
91 sums paid into the treasury of the commonwealth by
92 the adjutant general on account of such loss or injury
93 and collected by him from officers or the militia re-
94 sponsible therefor, or from their bondsmen. Inspecting
95 officers when on duty in armories, under orders of the
96 commander-in-chief, shall receive the pay and allowances
97 provided for officers on special duty

98 Each organization commander may detail an officer
99 to accompany the inspecting officer at each United
100 States and state inspection, and such officer shall
101 receive like pay and allowances.

102 There shall annually be allowed and paid out of the
103 treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding five
104 thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of
105 the adjutant general, in furnishing the officers and
106 men of the organized militia with uniform instruction
107 in military authority, organization and administration,
108 and in the elements of military art. Certificates for
109 allowance of expenses incident to such instruction shall
110 be furnished to the adjutant general, and upon his
111 approval payment shall be made to the person or
112 persons certified to be entitled thereto.

113 There shall be allowed annually to each headquarters,

114 company or commanding unit, a sum equal to five
115 dollars per man for the average attendance of officers
116 and enlisted men at the United States and state inspec-
117 tions and the annual tour of camp duty for the preceding
118 year, said sums to be paid on the first day of January
119 of each year.

1 SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

