
By Mr. Ward of Boston, petition of Joseph M. Ward for an increase in the compensation of bandsmen who serve in the land forces of the militia. Military Affairs. Jan. 14, 1924.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

An Act to increase the Pay of Bandsmen while serving
in the Land Forces.

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. Section one hundred and fifty-one of
2 chapter thirty-three of the General Laws, as
3 amended by section five of chapter four hundred
4 and fifty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 twenty-three, is hereby further amended, in sub-
6 section (b) by striking out, in the eleventh and
7 twelfth lines, the words "four dollars and fifty-
8 five cents" and inserting in place thereof the
9 words:— six dollars; and leaders twelve dollars,—
10 so that said subsection (b) will read as follows:—
11 (b) There shall be allowed and paid per diem to
12 soldiers of the land forces, on rolls and accounts
13 kept in such form as the commander-in-chief may
14 prescribe, for the duty prescribed by sections twen-
15 ty-one, twenty-nine, and thirty, as follows: non-
16 commissioned staff officers, first sergeants of com-
17 panies, three dollars and five cents; bandsmen, six
18 dollars; and leaders twelve dollars; cooks, three

19 dollars and fifty-five cents, if, in such form as the
20 commander-in-chief prescribes, it is certified and
21 made to appear that in each case the duty of super-
22 intending and assisting in the preparation of the
23 food of the company was actually performed by
24 the cook in person during the tour of duty or day of
25 duty for which he is returned for pay, otherwise the
26 pay of other enlisted men of like grade; and every
27 other enlisted man, one dollar and fifty-five cents.

1 SECTION 2. Said section one hundred and fifty-
2 one of chapter thirty-three, as amended by section
3 five of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is here-
5 by further amended, in subsection (*d*) by striking
6 out, in the thirty-first line, the word “ three ” and
7 inserting in place thereof the word:— four,— so
8 that said subsection (*d*) will read as follows:— (*d*)
9 For all other duty under orders of the commander-
10 in-chief unless specially provided, or as a witness
11 or defendant under summons, there shall be paid
12 per diem to all officers above the rank of captain,
13 four dollars; to every other commissioned officer,
14 two dollars and fifty cents; to every member of a
15 band, four dollars and fifty-five cents, and if with
16 troops one dollar additional; and to every other en-
17 listed man, one dollar and fifty-five cents.