

SENATE No. 455

To accompany the petition of Frederic Gilbert Bauer, president, Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Inc., that said society be authorized to participate in the observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic holidays. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC. TO
PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Clause twelve of section five of chapter forty of
2 the General Laws, as amended by chapter two hun-
3 dred and forty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and thirty-three and chapter one hundred and thirty-
5 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six,
6 is hereby further amended by inserting after the
7 words "local clubs of the Yankee Division Veterans
8 Association" the words:—the Society of the War
9 of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Inc.
10 or local members thereof, — so that said clause shall
11 read as follows:— (12) For erecting headstones or
12 other monuments at the graves of persons who served
13 in the war of the revolution, the war of eighteen

14 hundred and twelve, the Seminole war, the Mexican
15 war, the war of the rebellion or the Indian wars or who
16 served in the military or naval service of the United
17 States in the Spanish American war or in the World
18 war, or who served in the military service of the
19 commonwealth in time of war; for acquiring land
20 by purchase or by eminent domain under chapter
21 seventy-nine, purchasing, erecting, equipping or dedi-
22 cating buildings, or constructing or dedicating other
23 suitable memorials, for the purpose of properly com-
24 memorating the services and sacrifices of persons
25 who served as aforesaid; for the decoration of the
26 graves, monuments or other memorials of soldiers,
27 sailors and marines who served in the army, navy or
28 marine corps of the United States in time of war or
29 insurrection and the proper observance of Memorial
30 Day and other patriotic holidays under the auspices
31 of the following:— local posts of the Grand Army
32 of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, The
33 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
34 United States and Jewish War Veterans of the United
35 States, local chapter of the Disabled American
36 Veterans of the World War, local units of the Massa-
37 chusetts State Guard Veterans, Kearsarge Associa-
38 tion of Naval Veterans, Inc., local garrisons of the
39 Army and Navy Union of the United States of
40 America, local chapters of the Massachusetts Society
41 of the Sons of the American Revolution, local detach-
42 ments of the Marine Corps League, local clubs of
43 the Yankee Division Veterans Association, the Society
44 of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Massa-
45 chusetts, Inc. or local members thereof, and local
46 camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil
47 War or local tents of The Daughters of Union Veterans

48 of the Civil War in the case of a town in which there
49 is no post of the Grand Army of the Republic; or
50 for keeping in repair graves, monuments or other
51 memorials erected to the memory of such persons or of
52 the firemen and policemen of the town who died from
53 injuries received in the performance of their duties
54 in the fire or police service or for decorating the graves
55 of such firemen and policemen or for other memorial
56 observances in their honor. Money appropriated in
57 honor of such firemen may be paid over to, and ex-
58 pended for such purposes by, any veteran firemen's
59 association or similar organization.

