

HOUSE No. 847

By Messrs. Kaplan and Miller of Boston, petition of Charles Kaplan and Charles Miller for legislation to provide state pay for all members of the armed forces from this Commonwealth in the service of the United States. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE PAY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, MALE OR FEMALE, FROM THIS COMMONWEALTH IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

1 There shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury
2 of the commonwealth to each non-commissioned
3 officer, soldier and sailor, male or female, who has
4 been or is hereafter mustered into the military or
5 naval service of the United States armed forces for
6 service in the United States, or in any foreign coun-
7 try, the sum of twenty-five dollars per month.

8 The said amount shall be payable at the office of
9 the treasurer and receiver general immediately upon
10 the termination of the service, and shall date from
11 the mustering into the United States service of such
12 non-commissioned officer, soldier or sailor, male or
13 female.

14 This act shall apply only to those non-commis-
15 sioned officers, soldiers or sailors, male or female, who
16 were resident of the commonwealth of Massachu-
17 setts at the time of mustering into the armed services
18 of the United States in the war against the axis
19 powers.

20 In case of the death of any such person, his or her
21 dependents shall receive the monthly compensa-
22 tion for the duration of hostilities; but no part of
23 this section shall be construed as depriving the sol-
24 dier or sailor (man and woman) of the right to allot
25 all or part of his said pay to the treasurer of the
26 commonwealth for the use of such dependents as
27 he or she shall designate; and such allotments shall
28 be payable monthly by the treasurer, during the
29 term of service of said soldier or sailor (man or
30 woman), for the use of such dependents.