

HOUSE No. 1803

By Mr. Neville of Cambridge, petition of Michael J. Neville for legislation to provide for furnishing without charge copies of records relating to certain soldiers, sailors and marines. Municipal Finance (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FURNISHING WITHOUT CHARGE
COPIES OF RECORDS RELATING TO CERTAIN SOLDIERS,
SAILORS AND MARINES.

*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 two hundred and sixty-two of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
3 forty-six A, inserted by chapter two hundred and
4 thirty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-
5 eight, and inserting in place thereof the following:—
6 *Section 46A.* No fee for a copy of any record
7 relating to the birth, death, marriage, adoption or
8 change of name of any soldier, sailor or marine who
9 served, or is serving, in the army, navy or marine
10 corps of the United States in time of war or insurrec-
11 tion and received an honorable discharge therefrom
12 or release from active duty therein, or who died while
13 in the armed forces during a war or insurrection, shall

14 be demanded or received by any officer of the com-
15 monwealth or of any county, city or town, who has
16 charge of such record, from any such soldier, sailor
17 or marine, or from his widow, dependents or legal
18 representatives; provided, that such copy is for use
19 in relation to a claim against the United States.

20 The word "soldier", "sailor" or "marine" shall
21 be understood to include a man or a woman.