

# SENATE . . . . No. 38

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To accompany the petition of William P. Grant that provision be made for the training and instruction by the Commonwealth and the United States of disabled persons who served in the existing state of war. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION OF DISABLED PERSONS, WHO SERVED IN THE EXISTING STATE OF WAR, BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND 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 SECTION 1. For the purpose of fitting for employ-  
2 ment in the industries of the commonwealth, and of  
3 making self-supporting and independent of charitable  
4 aid persons who have been or may become disabled  
5 or diseased in the present war service of the United  
6 States or of its allies, and who are residents of the  
7 commonwealth at the time of their discharge, or within  
8 one year thereafter, and continue to be residents while  
9 receiving the benefits of this act, the commissioner of  
10 education is hereby directed to establish a division  
11 for their training and instruction.

1 SECTION 2. Said division shall consist of a quali-  
2 fied executive head and an advisory board of nine  
3 members. The commissioner of education shall be  
4 chairman of the advisory board. The other members  
5 of said board shall be appointed by the governor and  
6 shall serve without compensation. The commissioner  
7 of education shall appoint the executive head.

1 SECTION 3. The governor, with the advice and  
2 consent of the council, is hereby authorized to trans-  
3 fer, either wholly or in part, to the commissioner of  
4 education, for the use of said division, the use and  
5 custody of any state hospital, school or workshop, in-  
6 cluding its equipment and employees, or any other  
7 suitable resources of the commonwealth, for a period  
8 not exceeding the duration of the present war and  
9 two years after its termination as defined by federal  
10 authority.

1 SECTION 4. The commissioner of education, act-  
2 ing through said division, is hereby empowered to  
3 make reasonable agreements for the use of available  
4 facilities for the purposes of this act, to provide such  
5 facilities where they are needed and to employ quali-  
6 fied persons to teach or supervise the persons seek-  
7 ing re-education or training under the provisions of  
8 this act.

1 SECTION 5. In addition to any appropriations by  
2 the commonwealth the commissioner may use any  
3 federal funds made available for the purposes of this  
4 act.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.