

# SENATE . . . . No. 63

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To accompany the petition of William A. Graustein for legislation to temporarily increase the salaries of officers and employees, including elected and judicial officials, in the service of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

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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 TEMPORARILY INCREASING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING ELECTED AND JUDICIAL OFFICIALS, IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1    *Whereas*, There has been a substantial increase in  
2 the cost of living due to the existence of the present  
3 state of war, and this increase bears most heavily  
4 upon persons having a fixed salary, and makes it  
5 difficult for officers and employees of the common-  
6 wealth to continue their subscriptions to funds of  
7 the federal government under chapter seven of the  
8 acts of the special session of nineteen hundred and  
9 forty-two, and

10    *Whereas*, The cost of federal taxes for the year  
11 nineteen hundred and forty-two, payable in the year  
12 nineteen hundred and forty-three, has greatly in-  
13 creased as compared with prior years, and the in-  
14 crease in the cost of living will make it exceedingly  
15 difficult for state officers and employees to meet the  
16 requirements of the federal income tax on or before

17 March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-three,  
18 and

19 *Whereas*, The war emergency calls for increased  
20 effort and labor on the part of officers and employees  
21 of the commonwealth, which is in danger of being  
22 hindered by the financial difficulties incident to the  
23 foregoing situation,

24 *Now, Therefore*, It is hereby declared that a con-  
25 dition of emergency exists which can be met to a  
26 substantial extent by the passage of this act, and  
27 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
28 law necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
29 public safety and convenience.

*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. Each officer and employee of the com-  
2 monwealth, including elected and appointed officers,  
3 judges and other members of the judicial department,  
4 and senators, representatives, and other members of  
5 the legislative department, as well as all others, shall  
6 receive, when a payment is made on account of his  
7 salary or compensation, or oftener, an additional  
8 amount equal to ten per cent of his salary then pay-  
9 able as additional compensation during the period  
10 of the existing state of war between the United States  
11 and any foreign country.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall remain in effect during  
2 the continuance of the existing state of war between  
3 the United States and any foreign country.