

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1655

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 28, 1946.

The committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1160) of David M. Cleary that financial assistance be provided for certain veterans' organizations in defraying expenses incurred by them in conducting military funerals or burials of persons who died in overseas service during World War II, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1655).

For the committee,

DAVID M. CLEARY.

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS IN DEFRAYING EXPENSES INCURRED BY THEM IN CONDUCTING MILITARY FUNERALS OR BURIALS OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN OVERSEAS SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide im-  
3 mediate financial assistance for certain veterans'  
4 organizations in the proper interment in this country  
5 of the bodies of persons who died while serving over-  
6 seas during World War II, therefore it is hereby  
7 declared to be an emergency law necessary for the  
8 immediate preservation of the public 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. A post of the American Legion, the  
2 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or the  
3 Disabled American Veterans of the World War, may  
4 be granted an allowance, not exceeding fifty dollars,  
5 for expenses actually incurred by such post in a  
6 military funeral or burial of a person who died while  
7 serving overseas in the military or naval service of  
8 the United States during World War II and who was

9 domiciled in this commonwealth at the time of enter-  
10 ing such service; provided, that if financial assistance  
11 has been received from any public or private source  
12 in conducting such funeral or burial, the sum so  
13 allowed shall be reduced by the amount of such  
14 assistance; and, provided further, that where two  
15 or more such posts jointly conduct or assist in con-  
16 ducting such a funeral or burial the said allowance  
17 shall be paid to such posts in such proportions as the  
18 commissioner of veterans' services approves.

1 SECTION 2. Application for such allowance may  
2 be made, not later than December thirty-first, nine-  
3 teen hundred and forty-seven, on special forms pre-  
4 pared by said commissioner, to the person authorized  
5 to disburse state or military aid in the city or town  
6 wherein the post making application is located. Said  
7 person shall forward the application to the commis-  
8 sioner, who, after examination, shall allow and en-  
9 dorse thereon such amount as he may find to be due  
10 the post or posts applying therefor. The amount so  
11 allowed shall be paid by the treasurer of the city or  
12 town, and the commonwealth shall reimburse such  
13 city or town thereof when reimbursing it for pay-  
14 ments of state and military aid.

