

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 26, 1946.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

It has come to my attention that under existing Civil Service Laws neither the Commonwealth nor its cities and towns may participate in the program to which veterans are eligible under federal legislation, commonly referred to as the G. I. Bill of Rights, designed to provide apprentice training for veterans in fields approved for that purpose by appropriate authority.

I believe that this situation should be remedied by legislation permitting co-operation in this program designed to benefit veterans whose normal opportunity to learn trades or professions was seriously interrupted by their call from civilian pursuits to our defense.

Such legislation however, should provide for protection against abuse of the rights of those eligible to appointment or employment under existing civil service laws, should limit the period for which it may be carried out, should provide for the method of selection of persons to be trained, and should require approval of State agencies authorized for that purpose both as to the desirability or necessity for training in any particular field and the suitability of any particular project for such training.

I respectfully request that you give this matter your immediate attention and make such changes in our law as will allow for participation by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions in the Apprentice Training Program for Veterans during the present session.

Respectfully yours,

MAURICE J. TOBIN,
Governor.

