

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2047

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 4, 1946.

The committee on Municipal Finance on the part of the House to whom were referred the Bill authorizing any city or town to provide suitable recognition of its residents who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in the present war, by means of grants of land (printed as Senate, No. 112), the Bill authorizing cities and towns to sell lots of land for one dollar each to veterans of World War II for the purpose of building homes thereon (printed as Senate, No. 481), and the Bill permitting the city of Boston to sell at private sale to certain veterans for a nominal consideration real estate acquired by foreclosure of tax titles (House, No. 872), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2047).

For the committee,

MICHAEL J. McCARTHY.

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

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AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS TO SELL,  
FOR A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION, TO CERTAIN VETERANS  
REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX TITLE PROCEED-  
INGS.

*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. Any city or town which accepts this  
2 section, in the case of a city by vote of the city council,  
3 subject to the approval of the mayor or city manager,  
4 and in the case of a town by vote of the town at a  
5 town meeting, may authorize a board, officer or tax  
6 title custodian thereof to sell real estate, acquired  
7 through tax title procedure, at public or private sale,  
8 to any person who has served in the armed forces of  
9 the United States and who has been discharged or re-  
10 leased from such service under conditions other than  
11 dishonorable. Such sale may be made for a nominal  
12 consideration if the grantee agrees to spend or cause to  
13 be spent in the construction or reconstruction of a  
14 building for dwelling purposes, within such period after  
15 the grant, not exceeding eighteen months, as may be  
16 fixed by the board, officer, or tax title custodian such  
17 sum as shall be determined by the authority making the  
18 sale. Any sale made under this section shall be upon the

19 express condition that if the agreed sum is not spent  
20 upon construction or reconstruction within the time  
21 specified, title shall forthwith revert in the city or town.  
22 This section shall not apply to the city of Boston.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter four hundred and thirty-four  
2 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after section five the  
4 following new section: —

5 *Section 5A.* The chairman, acting on behalf of the  
6 city, subject to the restrictions and regulations herein-  
7 after provided, may also sell real estate referred to in  
8 section two, or any portion thereof, or any interest  
9 therein, at public or private sale, to any person who  
10 has served in the armed forces of the United States  
11 and who has been discharged or released from such  
12 service under conditions other than dishonorable.  
13 Such sale may be for a nominal consideration if the  
14 grantee agrees to spend or cause to be spent in the  
15 construction or reconstruction of buildings within  
16 such period after the grant, not exceeding eighteen  
17 months, as may be fixed by the chairman such sum as  
18 shall be determined by the chairman. No sale made  
19 under this section shall be valid unless approved by a  
20 vote, approved by the mayor, of a majority of the  
21 board. Any sale made under this section shall be upon  
22 the express condition that if the agreed sum is not  
23 spent upon construction or reconstruction within the  
24 time specified, title shall forthwith revert in the city.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall not be operative after  
2 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

