

HOUSE No. 1575

By Mr. O'Keefe of Peabody, petition of Louis F. O'Keefe for legislation to make certain city ordinances applicable to the appointment of veterans' agents. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CITY ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VETERANS' AGENTS.

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. Section twenty-one of chapter five
2 hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hun-
3 dred and forty-six is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of
2 chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws,
3 inserted by section one of said chapter five hundred
4 and eighty-four, any person who, upon the effective
5 date thereof, was duly authorized to disburse state
6 and military aid and soldiers' relief under the pro-
7 visions of said chapter one hundred and fifteen as in
8 effect immediately prior to said effective date, shall
9 forthwith assume and perform the duties of a veteran's
10 agent under the provisions of said chapter one hun-
11 dred and fifteen as so inserted, until such an agent

12 has been appointed and qualified under said pro-
13 visions; provided, that if such person has unlimited
14 tenure of office or is serving for a definite term as the
15 person authorized to disburse such aid and relief, he
16 shall be retained in office as such veterans' agent, until
17 he is removed for cause or until the expiration of such
18 term, as the case may be, and provided, further, that
19 where a person disbursing state and military aid in a
20 city is appointed for a term in accordance with ordi-
21 nances of the city, he shall serve out his term and
22 such ordinances shall apply to the appointment of the
23 veterans' agent. Any appropriations made by the
24 commonwealth, or by any city or town, for the pur-
25 pose of providing such aid or relief shall, upon said ef-
26 fective date, be available for the disbursement of
27 veterans' benefits, under the provisions of said chapter
28 one hundred and fifteen as so inserted, to the same
29 extent and with the same effect as though specifically
30 appropriated therefor.