

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1869

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Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Bruce of Springfield, for a Senate Bill relative to the seniority and compensation rights of public officers, employees and appointees appointed to public office while serving in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War II (printed as House, No. 780). March 18.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO SENIORITY AND COMPENSATION RIGHTS OF PERSONS APPOINTED TO OFFICES AND POSITIONS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE LAWS WHILE SERVING IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 708 of the acts of 1941 is hereby amended
- 2 by striking out section 24, as amended by chapter
- 3 62 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof
- 4 the following section: —
- 5 *Section 24.* Any person who returns or is restored
- 6 to an office or position in the service of the common-
- 7 wealth, or any political subdivision thereof, within
- 8 two years after having served in the military or naval
- 9 forces of the United States shall be entitled to all
- 10 seniority rights to which he would have been entitled
- 11 if his public service had not been interrupted by such

12 military or naval service, and any person who, while  
13 serving in such military or naval forces, is appointed  
14 under the civil service law to an office or position in  
15 the service of the commonwealth, or any political  
16 subdivision thereof, and, within three months after  
17 having received his discharge from such forces, com-  
18 mences to serve in such office or position shall be  
19 entitled to all seniority rights to which he would have  
20 been entitled if he had commenced to serve at the  
21 time of such appointment; and any such person whose  
22 salary is fixed under a classified compensation plan  
23 shall be eligible to a salary rate which includes the  
24 accrued step-rate increments to which he would have  
25 been eligible except for his service in the military or  
26 naval forces.