

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2108

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Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Morton of Fall River, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 1169). May 6.

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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 TO PROVIDE THAT CITIES AND TOWNS MAY PROVIDE SUITABLE QUARTERS FOR POSTS OF THE AMERICAN PORTUGUESE WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION.

*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 49 of chapter 33 of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chap-  
3 ter 409 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended  
4 by inserting after the word "Massachusetts" in line 34  
5 the words:—, American Portuguese War Veterans  
6 Association.

1 SECTION 2. Clause (12) of section 5 of chapter 40  
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
3 section 2 of said chapter 409, is hereby further amended  
4 by inserting after the word "Massachusetts" in line  
5 23 the words:—, and of the American Portuguese  
6 War Veterans Association.

1 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 9 of  
2 chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended by chap-

3 ter 51 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended  
4 by inserting after the word "d'Amerique" in the  
5 tenth line the words:— and for a post or posts of  
6 the American Portuguese War Veterans Association,  
7 — so as to read as follows:— A city or town may,  
8 for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters  
9 for a post or posts of The American Legion and of  
10 the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
11 and for a chapter or chapters of the Disabled American  
12 Veterans of the World War and for a post or posts  
13 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States  
14 and for a post or posts of La Legion Franco-Americaine  
15 des Etats-Unis d'Amerique and for a post or posts  
16 of the American Portuguese War Veterans Asso-  
17 ciation, lease for a period not exceeding five years  
18 buildings or parts of buildings which shall be under  
19 the direction and control of such post or posts or  
20 chapter or chapters, subject to regulations made  
21 in cities by the mayor with the approval of the council  
22 and in towns by vote of the town, and for said pur-  
23 poses a town with a valuation of less than five million  
24 dollars may annually appropriate not more than two  
25 thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of five  
26 million dollars but not more than twenty million  
27 dollars may annually appropriate not more than  
28 three thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of  
29 more than twenty million dollars but not more than  
30 seventy-five million dollars may annually appropriate  
31 not more than four thousand dollars; a town with a  
32 valuation of more than seventy-five million dollars  
33 but not more than one hundred fifty million dollars  
34 may annually appropriate not more than five thou-  
35 sand dollars; and a town with a valuation of more  
36 than one hundred fifty million dollars may annually

37 appropriate five thousand dollars for each one hundred  
38 fifty million dollars of valuation or fraction thereof.  
39 The city council of a city may, by two-thirds vote,  
40 appropriate money for armories for the use of the  
41 state militia, for the celebration of holidays, for the  
42 purpose of providing or defraying the expenses of  
43 suitable quarters for posts of the Grand Army of the  
44 Republic, including the heating and lighting of such  
45 quarters, and for other like public purposes, to an  
46 amount not exceeding one fiftieth of one per cent of  
47 its valuation for such year.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever, not being a member of  
2 the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United  
3 States, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons  
4 of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's  
5 Relief Corps, the Union Veterans' Union, the Union  
6 Veteran Legion, the Military and Naval Order of  
7 the Spanish-American War, the United Spanish War  
8 Veterans, the American Officers of the Great War,  
9 the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States,  
10 the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United  
11 States, the Disabled American Veterans of the World  
12 War, the Yankee Division Veterans' Association,  
13 The American Legion, the American Veterans of  
14 World War II, AMVETS, the American Portuguese  
15 War Veterans Association, or the Marine Corps  
16 League, wilfully wears or uses the insignia, distinc-  
17 tive ribbons or membership rosette or button thereof  
18 for the purpose of representing that he is a member  
19 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
20 twenty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than  
21 one month, or both.

