

HOUSE No. 2331

By Mr. Hedges of Quincy, petition of the Quincy Veterans Council, Charles W. Hedges, William W. Jenness and others for legislation to establish the amount of money which cities and towns may appropriate for the purpose of providing suitable quarters for posts of The American Legion and other organizations. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH CITIES AND TOWNS MAY APPROPRIATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUITABLE QUARTERS FOR POSTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

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 9 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 468
3 of the acts of the current year, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out the first paragraph and
5 inserting in place thereof the following:—

6 A city or town may, for the purpose of providing
7 suitable headquarters for a post or posts of the
8 American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign
9 Wars of the United States and for a chapter or
10 chapters of the Disabled American Veterans of the
11 World War and for a post or posts of the Jewish

12 War Veterans of the United States and for a post
13 or posts of the Italian-American World War Veterans
14 of the United States, Inc. and for a post or posts of
15 La Legion Franco-Americaine des Etats-Unis d'Amer-
16 ique, and for a post or posts of the American Portu-
17 guese War Veterans Association and for a chapter
18 or chapters of the Military Order of the Purple
19 Heart and for a detachment or detachments of the
20 Marine Corps League and for a post or posts of the
21 American Veterans of World War II, AMVETS —
22 Department of Massachusetts, lease for a period
23 not exceeding five years buildings or parts of build-
24 ings which shall be under the direction and control
25 of such post or posts, or chapter or chapters, or
26 detachment or detachments subject to regulations
27 made in cities by the mayor with the approval of
28 the council and in towns by vote of the town, and
29 for said purposes a town with a valuation of less
30 than three thousand dollars; a town with a valuation
31 of five million dollars but not more than twenty-five
32 million dollars may annually appropriate not more
33 than four thousand dollars; a town with a valuation
34 of more than twenty-five million dollars but not
35 more than fifty million dollars may annually appro-
36 priate not more than five thousand dollars; a town
37 with a valuation of more than fifty million dollars
38 but not more than seventy-five million dollars may
39 annually appropriate not more than six thousand
40 dollars; a town with a valuation of more than seventy-
41 five million dollars but not more than one hundred
42 million dollars may annually appropriate not more
43 than seven thousand dollars; a town with a valua-
44 tion of more than one hundred million dollars but
45 not more than one hundred and twenty-five million

46 dollars may annually appropriate not more than
47 eight thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of
48 more than one hundred and twenty-five million
49 dollars but not more than one hundred and fifty
50 million dollars may annually appropriate not more
51 than nine thousand dollars; and a town with a
52 valuation of more than one hundred and fifty million
53 dollars may annually appropriate nine thousand
54 dollars for each one hundred and fifty million dollars
55 of valuation, or fraction thereof. The city council
56 of a city may, by a two thirds vote, appropriate
57 money for armories for the use of the state militia,
58 for the celebration of holidays, for the purpose of
59 providing or defraying the expenses of suitable
60 quarters for posts of the Grand Army of the Republic,
61 including the heating and lighting of such quarters,
62 and for other like public purposes to an amount not
63 exceeding in any one year one fiftieth of one per cent
64 of its valuation for such year.

