

# SENATE . . . . No. 193

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To accompany the petition of Ralph V. Clampit, Michael H. Con-  
ron, William E. Nolen and Ralph Lerche for legislation to further  
regulate the allowances for travel and other expenses of members of  
the General Court. Ways and Means, Joint.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to provide  
3 for payment of allowances for travel and other ex-  
4 penses to members of the general court during the  
5 current session, in addition to those heretofore au-  
6 thorized by law, in that the payment of a substantial  
7 part of such allowances of such members would be  
8 unduly deferred, therefore it is hereby declared to be  
9 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public convenience.

*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 9A of chapter 3 of the General  
2 Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 248 of the acts  
3 of 1945, is hereby amended by striking out, in the

4 sixteenth line, the word "twenty" and inserting in  
5 place thereof the word: — twenty-seven, — so that  
6 the second sentence will read as follows: — In addition  
7 to such basic allowance, each member who resides not  
8 more than fifty miles from the place of sitting of the  
9 general court shall receive an allowance of twenty-  
10 two and one half cents for each such week for every  
11 mile of ordinary traveling distance from his place of  
12 abode to the place of sitting of the general court, and  
13 returning therefrom, but not less than four dollars  
14 and fifty cents for each such week, and each member  
15 who resides more than fifty miles from such place of  
16 sitting shall receive an allowance of four and one half  
17 cents for each such week for every mile of ordinary  
18 traveling distance from his place of abode to the place  
19 of such sitting, and returning therefrom, and a further  
20 allowance of twenty-seven dollars for each such week  
21 for hotel and living expenses or extra travel.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of January  
2 first in the current year.