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To accompany the petition of Charles G. Kagan for legislation relative to libels for divorce or nullity of marriage filed by persons who served in the armed forces of the United States. Legal Affairs.

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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 LIBELS FOR DIVORCE OR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE FILED BY PERSONS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

*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. Any provision of sections 4 and 5 of  
2 chapter 208 of the General Laws to the contrary not-  
3 withstanding, any resident of the commonwealth who  
4 served in the armed forces of the United States during  
5 World War II and who was an inhabitant of the com-  
6 monwealth at the time of his entry into such service  
7 may file a libel for divorce or for nullity of marriage,  
8 provided that such libel is filed within one year after  
9 his discharge or release from such service.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall cease to be operative five  
2 years after the termination of the present states of war  
3 between the United States and certain foreign coun-  
4 tries.

