

HOUSE No. 509

By Mr. Bagley of Townsend, petition of Leo M. Cannon, Earle S. Bagley and others for legislation relative to the retirement allowances of certain veterans of World War II in the public service. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

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 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 677 of the acts of
3 1945, is hereby further amended by inserting after
4 the word "eighteen" in the 7th line, as appearing in
5 section 1 of chapter 514 of the acts of 1943, the fol-
6 lowing:— or in World War II between December
7 seventh, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and the
8 date of the termination of such last mentioned war
9 as declared by the proper federal authorities,— so
10 that the first paragraph will read as follows:— *Sec-*
11 *tion 56.* A person who has served in the army, navy
12 or marine corps of the United States in the Spanish
13 war or Philippine insurrection between April twenty-

14 first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and July
15 fourth, nineteen hundred and two, or in the World
16 War between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seven-
17 teen, and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and
18 eighteen, or in World War II between December
19 seventh, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and the date
20 of the termination of such last mentioned war as de-
21 clared by the proper federal authorities, and has been
22 honorably discharged from such service or released
23 from active duty therein, in sections fifty-six to sixty,
24 inclusive, called a veteran, who is in the service of the
25 commonwealth, or of any county, city, town or dis-
26 trict thereof, shall be retired, with the consent of the
27 retiring authority, if incapacitated for active service,
28 at one half of the highest regular rate of compensation,
29 including any allowance for maintenance, payable to
30 him while he was holding the grade held by him at his
31 retirement, and payable from the same source; pro-
32 vided, that he has been in the said service at least ten
33 years, and has a total income from all sources, ex-
34 clusive of such retirement allowance and of any sum
35 received from the government of the United States as
36 a pension for war service, not exceeding one thousand
37 dollars.