

# HOUSE . . . . No. 815

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By Messrs. Clark of Gloucester and Crockett of Upton, petition of the Massachusetts Associated Retirement Boards relative to removing certain limitations on the rights of veterans under the retirement laws. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE RIGHTS OF VETERANS UNDER THE RETIREMENT LAWS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of section 25 of  
2 chapter 32 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1  
3 of chapter 658 of the acts of 1945, is hereby amended  
4 by striking out, in lines 2 to 4, inclusive, the words  
5 "who entered the employ of any governmental unit  
6 prior to July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine,"  
7 so as to read as follows: — (a) Any member in service  
8 classified as a veteran referred to in sections fifty-  
9 six to sixty A inclusive, shall have full and complete  
10 rights either under the system of which he is a member  
11 or under the provisions of sections fifty-six to sixty A  
12 inclusive, whether or not he may have signed a waiver  
13 of his rights under such sections upon becoming a  
14 member of such system, anything to the contrary

15 in the provisions of this chapter or in similar provi-  
16 sions of earlier laws notwithstanding. Such rights  
17 shall be in the alternative and shall be exercised  
18 only at the time of his retirement. If a member is  
19 retired under the provisions of sections fifty-six to  
20 sixty A inclusive, he shall, upon his written applica-  
21 tion on a prescribed form filed with the board in which  
22 he waives all his rights under sections one to twenty-  
23 eight inclusive, be paid the amount of the accumulated  
24 total deductions credited to his account in the annuity  
25 savings fund of the system on the date of his retire-  
26 ment. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall  
27 permit the withdrawal of any such veteran from  
28 membership in such system except upon termination  
29 of his service. This paragraph shall apply only to  
30 such veterans who are employees of the common-  
31 wealth or metropolitan district commission, or who  
32 are employees in a governmental unit which has  
33 accepted sections fifty-six to sixty A inclusive prior  
34 to January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six.