

HOUSE No. 1650

By Mr. Gray of Springfield, petition of Thomas T. Gray for legislation to establish a board of trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and relative to the powers and duties of said trustees. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN HOLYOKE.

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. There shall be a board of trustees of
2 the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, appointed by the
3 governor with the advice and consent of the council,
4 consisting of seven persons, at least five of whom shall
5 be war veterans, and at least five of whom shall be
6 from the western part of the state. One shall be ap-
7 pointed for one year, one shall be appointed for two
8 years, one shall be appointed for three years, one shall
9 be appointed for four years, one shall be appointed
10 for five years, one shall be appointed for six years, and
11 one shall be appointed for seven years. Upon the
12 expiration of the term of office of a member, his suc-
13 cessor shall be appointed by the governor, with the
14 advice and consent of the council, to serve for seven

15 years. The governor shall designate one of the mem-
16 bers as chairman. The members shall serve without
17 compensation, but shall receive their necessary ex-
18 penses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

1 SECTION 2. Said board of trustees shall have the
2 management and control of said home and all property,
3 real and personal, belonging to the commonwealth
4 and occupied or used by said home. In the manage-
5 ment and control of said home as aforesaid, said board
6 of trustees shall have the same powers and perform
7 the same duties as are vested and imposed in the
8 trustees of state hospitals under the provisions of chap-
9 ter one hundred and twenty-three, so far as applicable.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter four hundred and seventy-five
2 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six is hereby
3 repealed, and all powers and duties under said act of
4 the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts is transferred to
5 the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, and
6 any funds heretofor appropriated for this purpose to
7 the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts are hereby ap-
8 propriated to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.