

SENATE No. 340

To accompany the petition of Alfred E. Henderson for legislation relative to the retirement rights of certain veterans of World War II. 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 RIGHTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

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

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 58, as amended, and inserting
3 in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 58.* A veteran, and for the purposes of this
5 section the word veteran, in addition to those persons
6 set forth in section fifty-six shall include a person who
7 has served in the army, navy, coast guard, marine
8 corps, women's army corps, women's auxiliary—
9 marine corps, women's auxiliary—navy and women's
10 auxiliary—coast guard, of the United States in
11 World War II, so called, between October fifteenth,
12 nineteen hundred and forty and September fifteenth,
13 nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and has been
14 honorably discharged from such service or released
15 from active service therein, who has been in the

16 service of the commonwealth, or of any county, city,
 17 town or district, for a total period of thirty years,
 18 shall, at his own request, with the approval of the re-
 19 tiring authority, be retired from active service at one
 20 half of the highest regular rate of compensation, in-
 21 cluding any maintenance allowance, payable to him
 22 while he was holding the grade held by him at his re-
 23 tirement, and payable from the same source.