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By Mr. Kiernan of Lowell, petition of Cornelius F. Kiernan relative to the retirement of certain war veterans in the public service. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS 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 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph,  
3 as amended, and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
4 lowing:—

5 A veteran, as defined in section one, in sections fifty-  
6 six to sixty, inclusive, called a veteran, who is in the  
7 service of the commonwealth, or of any county, city,  
8 town or district thereof, shall be retired, with the  
9 consent of the retiring authority, if incapacitated for  
10 active service, at one half of the highest annual rate  
11 of compensation, including any bonuses paid in lieu  
12 of additional salary or as a temporary wage increase  
13 in addition to his regular compensation, and including  
14 any allowance for maintenance, payable to him while  
15 he was holding the grade held by him at his retire-

16 ment, and payable from the same source; provided,  
17 that he has been in the said service at least ten years,  
18 has reached the age of fifty and has a total income from  
19 all sources, exclusive of such retirement allowance and  
20 of any sum received from the government of the  
21 United States as a pension for war service, not exceed-  
22 ing one thousand dollars.