

HOUSE No. 1826

By Mr. Boot of Lynn, petition of Harold J. Hanlon for legislation relative to the retirement of certain veterans in the employ of police and fire departments of cities and towns. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE VETERANS OF THE SPANISH WAR, THE PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION AND WORLD WAR I AND 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 inserting after section 56, as amended, the follow-
3 ing section:—
4 *Section 56A.* A member of a police or fire depart-
5 ment of any city or town who has served in the army,
6 navy or marine corps of the United States in the
7 Spanish War or Philippine Insurrection between April
8 twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and
9 July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, or in the world
10 war between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seven-
11 teen, and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and
12 eighteen, and veterans of World War II and has

13 been honorably discharged from such service or
14 released from active duty therein, in sections fifty-
15 six to sixty, inclusive, called a veteran, shall be
16 retired, if permanently disabled, mentally or phy-
17 sically, by injuries sustained or illness incurred
18 through no fault of his own in the actual performance
19 of his duty at two thirds of the highest salary or other
20 compensation received by him while holding the
21 grade held by him at the time of his retirement, in-
22 cluding any allowance for maintenance, payable from
23 the same source; or any member, herein defined as a
24 veteran, with the consent of the retiring authority,
25 who has performed faithful service for at least ten
26 years, at an annual pension equal to one half of the
27 highest salary or other compensation received by him
28 while holding the grade held by him at the time of his
29 retirement and an additional amount equal to one
30 per cent of said compensation for each year of service
31 after twenty years, provided, that the total amount
32 of such pension shall in no case exceed sixty-five per
33 cent of his annual compensation, but, including any
34 allowance for maintenance, payable from the same
35 source; provided he has a total income from all
36 sources, exclusive of such retirement allowance and
37 any sum received from the government of the United
38 States as a pension for war service, not exceeding
39 one thousand dollars.

40 Any allowance for maintenance referred to in this
41 section shall be in an amount equal to the value thereof
42 as fixed by the retiring authority in such city or town,
43 and by division of veteran's services.