

HOUSE No. 1966

By Mr. Connors of Waltham, petition of Louis B. Connors for legislation relative to the retirement of certain war veterans in the public service. 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 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 1. Section 56 of chapter 32 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 paragraph, as amended, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following:—

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

15 to him while he was holding the grade held by him
16 at his retirement, and payable from the same source;
17 provided, that he has been in the said service at
18 least ten years, has reached the age of fifty and has
19 a total income from all sources, exclusive of such
20 retirement allowance and of any sum received from
21 the government of the United States as a pension
22 for war service, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 32 is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section 57, as amended, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:—
4 *Section 57.* A veteran who has been in the service
5 of the commonwealth, or of any county, city, town
6 or district thereof, for a total period of ten years in
7 the aggregate, may, upon petition to the retiring
8 authority, be retired, in the discretion of said au-
9 thority, from active service, at two thirds of the
10 highest annual rate of compensation, including any
11 bonuses paid in lieu of additional salary or as a tem-
12 porary wage increase in addition to his regular com-
13 pensation, and including any allowance for main-
14 tenance, payable to him while he was holding the
15 grade held by him at his retirement, and payable
16 from the same source, if he is found by said authority
17 to have become incapacitated for active service;
18 provided, that he has a total income from all sources,
19 exclusive of such retirement allowance and of any
20 sum received from the government of the United
21 States as a pension for war service, not exceeding
22 one thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section 60 of said chapter 32, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out

3 the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof
4 the following:—

5 No veteran whose employment first begins after
6 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, shall
7 be subject to the provisions of sections fifty-six to
8 fifty-nine, inclusive.

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