

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2472

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 11, 1949.

The committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 543) of Endicott Peabody that certain laws affecting veterans and their organizations be made applicable to the American Veterans' Committee, Inc., the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 748) of John J. Curran and others that certain laws affecting veterans' organizations be made applicable to the Coast Guard League, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1156) of Antonio de J. Cardozo, Harold C. Nagle, Louis F. O'Keefe and others relative to extending to the Portuguese American War Veterans of the United States, Inc., and their affiliated posts the benefits of certain laws affecting veterans, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1786) of P. Gerard Cahill that certain laws affecting veterans' organizations be made applicable to the United American Veterans of the United States of America, Inc., and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1791) of Robert F. Murphy and another that certain laws affecting veterans and other organizations be made applicable to the United American Veterans of the United States of America, Inc., report (in part on House, Nos. 748 and 1156) the accompanying bill (House, No. 2472).

For the committee,

FRANCIS H. McNAMARA.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LEASING BY CITIES AND TOWNS  
OF SUITABLE HEADQUARTERS FOR VETERANS' ORGAN-  
IZATIONS.

*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. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph of  
3 section 9, as most recently amended by section 3 of  
4 chapter 118 of the acts of the current year, and in-  
5 serting in place thereof the following:— *Section 9.*  
6 A city or town may, for the purpose of providing  
7 suitable headquarters for a post or posts of any vet-  
8 erans' organization incorporated or chartered by the  
9 congress of the United States, provided that such post  
10 or posts have been in operation for at least three years,  
11 lease for a period not exceeding five years buildings  
12 or parts of buildings which shall be under the direc-  
13 tion and control of such post or posts subject to  
14 regulations made in cities by the mayor with the  
15 approval of the council and in towns by vote of the  
16 town, and for said purposes a town with a valuation  
17 of less than five million dollars may annually appro-  
18 priate not more than two thousand dollars; a town  
19 with a valuation of five million dollars but not more  
20 than twenty-five million dollars may annually appro-

21 priate not more than three thousand dollars; a town  
22 with a valuation of more than twenty-five million  
23 dollars but not more than fifty million dollars may  
24 annually appropriate not more than four thousand  
25 dollars; a town with a valuation of more than fifty  
26 million dollars but not more than seventy-five million  
27 dollars may annually appropriate not more than five  
28 thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more  
29 than seventy-five million dollars but not more than  
30 one hundred million dollars may annually appropriate  
31 not more than six thousand dollars; a town with a  
32 valuation of more than one hundred million dollars  
33 but not more than one hundred and twenty-five  
34 million dollars may annually appropriate not more  
35 than seven thousand dollars; a town with a valuation  
36 of more than one hundred and twenty-five million  
37 dollars but not more than one hundred and fifty  
38 million dollars may annually appropriate not more  
39 than eight thousand dollars; and a town with a  
40 valuation of more than one hundred and fifty million  
41 dollars may annually appropriate eight thousand  
42 dollars, and in addition three thousand dollars for  
43 each additional one hundred and fifty million dollars  
44 of valuation, or major fraction thereof. The city  
45 council of a city may, by a two thirds vote, appro-  
46 priate money for armories for the use of the state  
47 militia, for the celebration of holidays, for the purpose  
48 of providing or defraying the expenses of suitable  
49 quarters for posts of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
50 including the heating and lighting of such quarters,  
51 and for other like public purposes to an amount not  
52 exceeding in any one year one fiftieth of one per cent  
53 of its valuation for such year.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section nine of  
 2 chapter forty of the General Laws, as existing imme-  
 3 diately prior to the effective date of this act, shall  
 4 continue to apply in a city or town with respect to  
 5 the veterans' organizations specified in said provisions  
 6 as so existing.