

HOUSE No. 2605

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 15, 1949.

The committee on Municipal Finance on the part of the House, to whom were referred the Bill increasing the amount of money which cities and towns may appropriate for the purpose of leasing, repairing and keeping in repair suitable quarters for posts of various veterans' organizations (House, No. 2548), and the Bill authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money to repair or keep in repair headquarters for camps of the United Spanish War Veterans (House, No. 2549), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2605).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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' ORGANI- ZATIONS.

*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 section 9, as most
3 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 343 of the
4 acts of the current year, and inserting in place thereof
5 the following: —

6 *Section 9.* A city or town may, for the purpose of
7 providing suitable headquarters for a post or posts
8 of any veterans' organization incorporated or char-
9 tered by the congress of the United States, provided
10 that such post or posts have been in operation for at
11 least three years, or for the purpose of providing suit-
12 able headquarters for a camp of the United Spanish
13 War Veterans, lease for a period not exceeding five
14 years buildings or parts of buildings which shall be
15 under the direction and control of such post or posts
16 or camp subject to regulations made in cities by the
17 mayor with the approval of the council and in towns
18 by vote of the town, and for said purposes a town with
19 a valuation of less than five million dollars may

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

54 exceeding in any one year one fiftieth of one per cent
55 of its valuation for such year.

1 SECTION 2. Section 9A of said chapter 40, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby
3 repealed.