

SENATE No. 370

To accompany the petition of Andrew P. McArdle, department commander, American Legion, Inc., and another for legislation relative to the retirement of certain war veterans after twenty-five years service at two-thirds pay. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

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 58 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 665 of
3 the acts of 1948, is hereby further amended by striking
4 out, in line 3, the word "thirty" and inserting in place
5 thereof the words:— twenty-five,— and by striking
6 out, in line 6, the words "one half" and inserting in
7 place thereof the words:— two thirds,— so as to
8 read as follows:— *Section 58.* A veteran who has been
9 in the service of the commonwealth, or of any county,
10 city, town or district, for a total period of twenty-five
11 years in the aggregate, shall, at his own request, with
12 the approval of the retiring authority, be retired from
13 active service at two thirds of the highest annual rate
14 of compensation, including any bonuses paid in lieu

15 of additional salary or as a temporary wage increase
 16 in addition to his regular compensation, and including
 17 any maintenance allowance, payable to him while he
 18 was holding the grade held by him at his retirement,
 19 and payable from the same source.