

SENATE No. 538

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, January 28, 1953.

The committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2) of William J. Keenan for legislation relative to loans by banks guaranteed or insured by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3) of Hastings Keith for legislation relative to the making by banking institutions and insurance companies of loans to certain veterans guaranteed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs; and so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Banks (House, No. 3) as relates to the making by banking institutions and insurance companies of loans to veterans guaranteed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 538).

For the committee,

HASTINGS KEITH.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MAKING BY BANKING INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES OF LOANS TO VETERANS GUARANTEED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to enable banks
3 and insurance companies to invest in real estate mort-
4 gages guaranteed or insured by the administrator of
5 veterans' affairs, therefore it is hereby declared to be
6 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate pres-
7 ervation of the public convenience.

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 1 of chapter 46 of the acts of
2 1945, as most recently amended by chapter 94 of the
3 acts of 1951, is hereby further amended by striking out
4 said section and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing section:—

6 *Section 1.* Subject to such regulations as the com-
7 missioner of banks deems to be necessary or advisable
8 in respect to trust companies, banking companies,
9 savings banks, co-operative banks or credit unions,
10 and to such regulations as the commissioner of insur-
11 ance deems to be necessary or advisable in respect to
12 insurance companies, any trust company, banking

13 company, savings bank, co-operative bank, credit
14 union or insurance company organized under the laws
15 of this commonwealth is authorized to make and ac-
16 quire such loans and advances of credit to qualified
17 veterans of World War II for a period ending ten
18 years after the termination of World War II, and to
19 any veteran eligible by virtue of active service in the
20 armed forces of the United States on or after June
21 twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and fifty, and
22 prior to such date as shall be determined by presi-
23 dential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the
24 Congress if made within ten years after such date as
25 shall be determined by presidential proclamation or
26 concurrent resolution of the Congress, as are guar-
27 anteed in whole or in part by the administrator of
28 veterans' affairs or his successor or successors in such
29 office under the act of Congress known as the service-
30 men's readjustment act of nineteen hundred and
31 forty-four, or any amendment thereof, and to obtain
32 such guarantees or insurance, to collect and apply
33 payments due upon and otherwise to service any such
34 mortgage loan so guaranteed or insured, and with
35 respect to such mortgage loan to make agreements
36 with any mortgagees thereof to collect and apply
37 payments due upon and otherwise to service any such
38 mortgage loan.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 408 of the acts of 1945, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 598 of the acts of
3 1952, is hereby amended by striking out section 1
4 and section 2 and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing: — Veterans, resident in this commonwealth,
6 who are entitled to the benefits provided by an act of
7 Congress known as the servicemen's readjustment

8 act of nineteen hundred and forty-four, or any amend-
9 ments thereof or additions thereto, may participate
10 in said benefits notwithstanding that they, or their
11 spouses, are under twenty-one years of age, and for
12 said purpose such minor veterans or spouses shall have
13 full legal capacity to act in their own behalf in the
14 matter of contracts, conveyances, mortgages and
15 other transactions, and with respect to such acts done
16 by them they shall have all the rights, powers and
17 privileges and be subject to the obligations of persons
18 of full age.

19 Such acts of minors as are referred to above, if done
20 prior to the effective date of this act, shall have the
21 same force and effect as if this act had been in effect
22 at the time of such acts.

1 SECTION 3. The action of the governor in making
2 and issuing on September twenty-third, nineteen
3 hundred and fifty-two, his executive order authoriz-
4 ing any savings bank, co-operative bank, banking
5 company, trust company, credit union or insurance
6 company doing business in this commonwealth to make
7 loans and advances of credit to those applicants who
8 procure the guaranty of the administrator of veter-
9 ans' affairs in accordance with the provisions of Title
10 III of the servicemen's readjustment act of nineteen
11 hundred and forty-four, as amended, and all acts done
12 and regulations issued pursuant to said order are
13 hereby expressly ratified and confirmed.