

SENATE No. 563

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, February 18, 1953.

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 100) of William D. Fleming for legislation to authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for defraying expenses of suitable headquarters for camps of the United Spanish War Veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 319) of William D. Fleming that cities and towns be authorized to provide headquarters for local posts of certain veterans' organizations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1111) of Robert J. O'Keefe and another relative to appropriations by municipalities for helping to defray the expenses of maintaining quarters for veterans organizations; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1112) of Robert J. O'Keefe and another for increasing the amount cities and towns may appropriate to provide suitable headquarters for certain veterans' organizations, report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 563).

For the committee,

CHARLES W. HEDGES.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR DEFRAYING EXPENSES OF SUITABLE HEAD-QUARTERS FOR CAMPS OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize cities
3 and towns to appropriate money for defraying ex-
4 penses of suitable headquarters for camps of the
5 United Spanish War Veterans, therefore it is hereby
6 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
7 immediate preservation 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. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 9A the
3 following section: —

4 *Section 9B.* A city or town may, for the purpose
5 of providing suitable headquarters for a camp of the
6 United Spanish War Veterans, lease for a period not
7 exceeding five years a building or part of a building,
8 which shall be under the direction and control of such
9 camp, subject to regulations made in cities by the
10 mayor, with the approval of the council, or by the
11 city manager where the charter so provides, and in

12 towns by vote of the town or by the town manager
13 where the act so provides, and for such purpose may
14 annually appropriate a sum not exceeding, in any one
15 year, thirty-five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become inoperative on

2 July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

