

SENATE No. 52

To accompany the petition of William D. Fleming for legislation to further define the word "veteran" as used in certain laws. Military Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE WORD "VETERAN" AS USED IN CERTAIN LAWS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 21A, as inserted by section 1
3 of chapter 688 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 21A.* "Veteran", any person who has served
6 in the army, navy, coast guard or marine corps of the
7 United States, or in any corps or unit of the United
8 States established for the purpose of enabling women
9 to serve with, or as auxiliary to, the armed forces of
10 the United States, in time of war or insurrection, or in
11 any campaign or expedition for which a campaign
12 badge has been authorized by the congress of the
13 United States and whose last discharge or release from
14 active duty was under conditions other than dishonor-
15 able, regardless of any prior discharge or release there-
16 from; provided, that no member of the United States
17 coast guard auxiliary and no temporary member of
18 the United States coast guard reserve shall be deemed
19 to be a "veteran" within the meaning of this defini-
20 tion. The word "veteran" shall also include persons

21 who served in provisional training regiments of the
 22 United States in time of war or insurrection and whose
 23 last discharge or release from such service was under
 24 conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of any
 25 prior discharge or release therefrom.