
To accompany the petition of George V. Medeiros for legislation to provide a penalty for improper or illegal use of insignia of veterans' organizations. Military Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR IMPROPER OR ILLEGAL USE OF INSIGNIA OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.

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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 70, as most recently amended by sec-
3 tion 2 of chapter 271 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 70.* Whoever, not being a member and without
6 authority of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the
7 United States, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons
8 of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief
9 Corps, the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., the Union
10 Veterans' Union, the Union Veteran Legion, the Military
11 and Naval Order of the Spanish-American War, the United
12 Spanish War Veterans, the American Officers of the Great
13 War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the
14 Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, the
15 Disabled American Veterans of the World War, the Yankee
16 Division Veterans' Association, The American Legion, the
17 Army and Navy Union, U. S. A., the American Veterans of
18 World War II, AMVETS, the American Veterans' Com-

19 mittee, Inc., the Franco-American War Veterans, Inc., the
20 Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Seabee Veterans
21 of America, Inc. — Department of Massachusetts, the Ital-
22 ian-American World War Veterans of the United States,
23 Inc., the PT Veterans Association, Inc., the Fleet Reserve
24 Association, United States Navy, the American Portuguese
25 War Veterans Association, Polish-American Veterans of
26 Massachusetts, Inc., and its affiliated posts, the Navy Club
27 of the United States of America, or the Marine Corps League,
28 wilfully wears or uses or displays to public view or permits
29 to be displayed on his property the insignia, distinctive
30 ribbons or membership rosette or button thereof for the pur-
31 pose of representing that he is a member thereof whether on
32 his person, his personal or real property for the purpose of
33 representing that he is a member or that he is authorized
34 to use, wear or display to public view said insignia shall be
35 punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars or by
36 imprisonment for not more than one month, or both.