

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 305

By Mr. Derosier of Brockton, petition of the Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of Massachusetts, and Wilfred A. Derosier for excluding disability compensation payments to veterans in determining the net income of tenants in public housing projects. Mercantile Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF AMOUNTS PAID VETERANS FOR PARTIAL DISABILITY IN COMPUTING THE NET INCOME OF TENANTS IN CERTAIN HOUSING PROJECTS.

*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 26FF of chapter 121 of the General Laws, as amended,  
2 is hereby further amended by striking out the last paragraph,  
3 as most recently amended by chapter 629 of the acts of 1954,  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —  
5 In determining net income for the purpose of tenant eligibility  
6 with respect to a low-rent housing project financed by the com-  
7 monwealth or by any city, town or other political subdivision  
8 thereof or administered by a housing authority under the pro-  
9 visions of the housing authority law or as agent for any munici-  
10 pality, the housing authority is authorized, where it finds such  
11 action equitable and in the public interest, to exclude amounts  
12 or portions thereof paid by the United States government or  
13 the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to the  
14 tenant for disability occurring in connection with military  
15 service. In determining the net income for the purpose of  
16 computing the rent of a totally unemployable disabled veteran,  
17 a housing authority is authorized to exclude amounts of disability

18 compensation paid by the United States government for dis-  
19 ability occurring in connection with military service in excess of  
20 eighteen hundred dollars in any year and in determining the net  
21 income for the purpose of computing the rent of a partially  
22 disabled but employable veteran, a housing authority is author-  
23 ized to exclude amounts of disability compensation paid by the  
24 United States government for disability occurring in connection  
25 with military service, but such authorization shall apply only in  
26 state-aided projects and while such projects are receiving stat  
27 financial assistance, as provided in sections twenty-six NN and  
28 twenty-six OO. In determining the net income of the tenant  
29 family for the purpose of computing the rent and determining  
30 eligibility for admission and continued occupancy, proceeds paid  
31 to such tenant family from policies of insurance shall be excluded  
32 from income.