

HOUSE No. 775

By Mr. Linehan of Boston, petition of John J. Linehan for excluding disability 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-Nine.

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, as
3 most recently amended by chapter 629 of the acts of 1954, and
4 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 municipi-
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 State government or the
13 commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to the tenant
14 for disability occurring in connection with military service. In
15 determining the net income for the purpose of computing the
16 rent of a totally unemployable disabled veteran, a housing au-
17 thority is authorized to exclude amounts of disability compen-
18 sation paid by the United States government for disability oc-
19 ccurring in connection with military service in excess of eighteen

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