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By Mr. Wall, petition of William X. Wall that provision be made for the payment by the Commonwealth of annuities to certain amputee war veterans.  
Military Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF ANNUITIES TO CERTAIN AMPUTEE WAR VETERANS.

*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 115 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out Section 6B, as amended by Chapter  
3 567 of the Acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
4 lowing section: —

5 *Section 6B.* In addition to any other aid to which a veteran  
6 is entitled, a veteran who, according to the records of the  
7 Veterans' Administration of the United States Government,  
8 has suffered the loss of both legs or both arms by amputation,  
9 a veteran who has suffered permanent impairment of vision  
10 of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of  
11 5/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or cen-  
12 tral visual acuity of more than 5/200 if there is a field defect  
13 in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent  
14 that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular  
15 distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye, a  
16 veteran who is suffering from paraplegia and has permanent  
17 paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body, resulting  
18 from malaria, anemia, other forms of disease, tumors or  
19 poisoning which may produce signs and symptoms similar to  
20 those resulting from traumatic paraplegia and certified by  
21 said Veterans' Administration to be service-connected shall be  
22 paid so long as such blindness or permanent paralysis exists,

23 the sum of five hundred dollars annually in monthly payments.  
24 Such payments shall be due and payable from the date of his  
25 application. This section shall not include paraplegia result-  
26 ing from locomotor ataxia and other forms of syphilis of the  
27 central nervous system, or chronic alcoholism.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out Section 6C as amended by  
3 Chapter 567 of the Acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 6C.* Evidence of the service and disability men-  
6 tioned in Sections 6A and 6B shall be furnished to the com-  
7 missioner of veterans' services who shall examine same and  
8 upon being satisfied that the service was performed, and the  
9 veteran has lost both legs or both arms, or has been rendered  
10 blind or permanently paralyzed, as defined in Section 6B shall  
11 so certify to the Comptroller, whereupon said annuities shall  
12 be paid by the Commonwealth, subject to appropriation from  
13 the Veteran's Fund.