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By Mr. Bisbee, a petition of Charles A. Bisbee, Jr., for legislation to authorize a city or town to appropriate money for the purpose of assisting in the celebration of the anniversary of the settlement of another city or town. Municipal Finance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CITY OR TOWN TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF ANOTHER CITY OF TOWN.

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

1 Clause (27) of section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by chapter 91 of the acts of 1960,  
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "there-  
4 of", in line 10, the words: —, or for joining in or aiding the  
5 celebration of such anniversary of the settlement or incor-  
6 poration of another town, but in no event more than two  
7 hundred dollars annually shall be appropriated to participate  
8 in such anniversary celebration of another town, — so as to  
9 read as follows: — (27) For the celebration of the fourth of  
10 July, for the celebration of the return of veterans, or for ob-  
11 servance of an old home week or day, to take place during  
12 any week or upon any day of the year in which the appropri-  
13 ation is made, during which the town may conduct appropri-  
14 ate celebrations in honor of returning residents and other in-  
15 vited guests and hold exercises of historic interest; and, by a  
16 two thirds vote, for the celebration of the anniversary of its  
17 settlement or of its incorporation at the end of a period of  
18 twenty-five, or of any multiple of twenty-five, years there-  
19 from, and for publishing the proceedings thereof, or for join-  
20 ing in or aiding the celebration of such anniversary of the

21 settlement or incorporation of another town, but in no event  
 22 more than two hundred dollars annually shall be appropriated  
 23 to participate in such anniversary celebration of another town.  
 24 Money may be appropriated for the celebration of such anni-  
 25 versary not earlier than two years prior to such celebration.  
 26 If there is any question as to the date of the settlement, the  
 27 date shall be determined by the selectmen, subject to the ap-  
 28 proval of the voters. The celebration of the anniversary may  
 29 be held at any time during the year.