

SENATE No. 25

To accompany the petition of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., for the relief of certain persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in the World War. Military Affairs. January 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

AN ACT

For the Relief of Certain Persons who Served in the Military or Naval Forces of the United States in the War between the United States and the German Empire and its Allies.

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. Any soldier as defined in this
2 act, who served in the military or naval forces
3 of the United States during the war between the
4 United States and the German Empire and its
5 Allies, and who has sustained a total loss of sight
6 as a result of said service, shall be paid out of
7 the treasury of this state, for the term of his life,
8 the sum of three hundred dollars annually, to be
9 paid in monthly installments.

1 SECTION 2. The evidence of such service and
2 of such disability in each case shall be furnished
3 to the adjutant general of the state of Massa-
4 chusetts. Said adjutant general shall examine
5 the same, and on being satisfied that such service
6 was performed and that the said person has been
7 rendered totally blind as a result thereof, he shall
8 so certify to the state treasurer, and upon the
9 receipt of same the state treasurer shall draw his
10 warrant in favor of the applicant, in the sum of
11 three hundred dollars annually.

1 SECTION 3. The word "soldier" as used in
2 this act shall be taken to mean and include any
3 officer, soldier, sailor, marine, nurse or any other
4 person regularly enlisted or inducted who was or
5 is a part of military or naval forces of the United
6 States in the war with Germany and her Allies,
7 and who was a resident of the state of Massa-
8 chusetts at the time he was commissioned, en-
9 listed, inducted, appointed or mustered into the
10 military or naval service of the United States,
11 and who has been honorably discharged.