

SENATE No. 198

To accompany the petition of Joseph D. McLaughlin that quarters be assigned in the State House for the use of the Massachusetts Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. State House.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the assignment of Quarters in the State House for the Use of the Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

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 eight of the General
2 Laws, as amended by chapter four hundred and
3 fifty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and
4 twenty-one, is hereby further amended by strik-
5 ing out section seventeen and inserting in place
6 thereof the following:— *Section 17.* There shall
7 be set apart suitably furnished rooms in the state
8 house for the use of the Grand Army of the Repub-
9 lic of the department of Massachusetts, the Mas-
10 sachusetts department of the American Legion,
11 the Massachusetts department of the United

12 Spanish War Veterans, and the Massachusetts de-
13 partment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
14 United States, respectively, such rooms or spaces
15 to be under the charge of the state commanders
16 of the respective departments, subject to this
17 chapter. The headquarters thus established for
18 the first named department shall be used for stor-
19 ing its supplies and property, relics and mementos
20 of the war of the rebellion and for arranging and
21 preserving a history of persons, who served in the
22 army, navy or marine corps during such war in
23 organizations of the commonwealth, or of citizens
24 of the commonwealth who served in the regular
25 army, navy or marine corps of the United States,
26 which said department may collect or desire to
27 preserve. The headquarters thus established for
28 each of the other departments shall be used for
29 storing and preserving the records and other
30 property of the department and relics and me-
31 mentos of the world war and Spanish war.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter eight is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section eighteen and in-
3 serting in place thereof the following: — *Section*
4 *18.* The histories, relics and mementos of the
5 Grand Army of the Republic of the department of
6 Massachusetts and the records of the Massachu-
7 setts department of the United Spanish War Vet-
8 erans, of the American Legion, and of the Veterans
9 of Foreign Wars of the United States, shall be ac-
10 cessible at all times under suitable rules and regu-
11 lations to members of the respective departments

12 and to others engaged in collecting historical in-
13 formation. Whenever any such department
14 ceases to exist, its records, papers, relics and other
15 effects shall become the property of the common-
16 wealth.

