

SENATE No. 513

To accompany the petition of Charles M. Austin relative to the definition of the word "veteran". Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Definition of the Word "Veteran".

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 twenty-one of chapter thirty-one of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
3 the word "settlement", in the ninth line, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the words:— legal resi-
5 dence, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 21.*
6 The word "veteran", as used in this chapter,
7 shall mean any person who has served in the
8 army, navy or marine corps of the United States
9 in time of war or insurrection and has been hon-
10 orably discharged from such service or released
11 from active duty therein, or who distinguished
12 himself by gallant or heroic conduct while serving

13 in the army or navy of the United States and has
14 received a medal of honor from the president of
15 the United States, provided that such person was
16 a citizen of the commonwealth at the time of his
17 induction into such service or has since acquired
18 a legal residence therein; and provided further
19 that any such person who at the time of entering
20 said service had declared his intention to become
21 a subject or citizen of the United States and with-
22 drew such intention under the provisions of the
23 act of congress approved July ninth, nineteen
24 hundred and eighteen, and any person designated
25 as a conscientious objector upon his discharge,
26 shall not be deemed a "veteran" within the
27 meaning of this chapter.