

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1012

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By Mrs. Foley of Lawrence, petition of Katherine A. Foley that cities and towns be authorized to provide headquarters for local posts of the Italian-American World War Veterans. Military Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

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An Act authorizing Cities and Towns to provide Headquarters for Local Posts of Italian-American World 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 nine of chapter forty of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by chapter two hundred and  
3 seventy-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
4 thirty-six, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
5 the word "d'Amerique" in the eighth line the words:—  
6 and for a post or posts of the Italian-American world  
7 war veterans, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 9.*  
8 A city or town may for the purpose of providing suit-  
9 able headquarters for a post or posts of The American  
10 Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the  
11 United States and for a chapter or chapters of the  
12 Disabled American Veterans of the World War and  
13 for a post or posts of the Jewish War Veterans of the  
14 United States and for a post or posts of La Legion

15 Franco-Americaine des Etats-Unis d'Amerique and  
16 for a post or posts of the Italian-American world war  
17 veterans, lease for a period not exceeding five years  
18 buildings or parts of buildings which shall be under the  
19 direction and control of such post or posts, or chapter  
20 or chapters, subject to regulations made in cities by  
21 the mayor with the approval of the council and in  
22 towns by vote of the town, and for said purposes a  
23 town with a valuation of less than five million dollars  
24 may annually appropriate not more than one thousand  
25 dollars; a town with a valuation of five million dollars  
26 but not more than twenty million dollars may annually  
27 appropriate not more than fifteen hundred dollars;  
28 a town with a valuation of twenty million dollars but  
29 not more than seventy-five million dollars may annu-  
30 ally appropriate not more than two thousand dollars;  
31 a town with a valuation of seventy-five million dollars  
32 but not more than one hundred fifty million dollars  
33 may annually appropriate not more than twenty-five  
34 hundred dollars; and a town with a valuation of one  
35 hundred fifty million dollars or more may annually  
36 appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars for each one  
37 hundred fifty million dollars of valuation, or fraction  
38 thereof. The city council of a city may, by a two  
39 thirds vote, appropriate money for armories for the  
40 use of the state militia, for the celebration of holidays,  
41 for the purpose of providing or defraying the expenses  
42 of suitable quarters for posts of the Grand Army of  
43 the Republic, including the heating and lighting of  
44 such quarters, and for other like public purposes to an  
45 amount not exceeding in any one year one fiftieth of  
46 one per cent of its valuation for such year.