

HOUSE No. 2038

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 8, 1945.

The committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, to whom was referred so much of the final report of the special Post-War Rehabilitation Commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 71 of the Resolves of 1943) to make a survey and study of post-war problems of the Commonwealth relative to economic and other conditions (House, No. 1710) as relates to providing for the establishment and maintenance of veterans' centers throughout the Commonwealth, and establishing a division, to be known as the Massachusetts veterans' services division, and also an advisory council to assist the commissioner of veterans' services, report (in part) the accompanying bill (House, No. 2038).

For the committee,

FREDERICK E. PIERCE.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

AN ACT CREATING THE VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CLERICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 in part defeat its purpose, which is to make immedi-
3 ately available to returning Massachusetts veterans
4 of World War II and other veterans advice and
5 counsel to enable such veterans to obtain without
6 delay the employment, vocational, educational, hos-
7 pitalization, pension and other benefits to which they
8 may be entitled, therefore this act is hereby declared
9 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public convenience.

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 one hundred and fifteen of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after section two A, as amended, the following sec-
4 tion:—

5 *Section 2B.* There shall be an advisory council,
6 to be known as the veterans' services advisory council,
7 which shall render such assistance to the commissioner

8 of veterans' services relative to the provisions of this
9 chapter, except sections one to twenty-five, inclusive,
10 as he may request. Said advisory council shall con-
11 sist of the commissioner of agriculture, the commis-
12 sioner of public welfare, the commissioner of banks,
13 the commissioner of insurance, the commissioner of
14 savings bank life insurance, the commissioner of edu-
15 cation, the director of civil service, the commissioner
16 of conservation, the commissioner of corporations and
17 taxation, the commissioner of correction, the com-
18 missioner of labor and industries, the commissioner
19 of mental health, the commissioner of public works,
20 the chairman of the industrial accident board, the
21 director of the division of employment security, the
22 commissioner of public health, a person appointed by
23 the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, a
24 person appointed by the adjutant general, and the
25 department commanders of the American Legion, the
26 Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American
27 Veterans and the United Spanish War Veterans. All
28 members of said advisory council who are officials or
29 employees of the commonwealth shall serve ex officio.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-five of chapter six, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby
3 repealed.

1 SECTION 3. In addition to the clerical and other
2 assistants which the commissioner of veterans' serv-
3 ices is legally authorized to employ upon the effective
4 date of this act, said commissioner may appoint nine
5 persons in the employ of the Massachusetts Commit-
6 tee on Rehabilitation and Re-employment on said
7 effective date, who have been specially trained in

8 veterans' rehabilitation work; provided, that each of
9 such persons shall become subject to chapter thirty-
10 one of the General Laws and the rules and regulations
11 made thereunder only if, prior to September first in
12 the current year, he passes a non-competitive qualify-
13 ing examination, which the director of civil service is
14 hereby directed to prepare and hold at least thirty
15 days prior to said date.