

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1289

---

---

House, No. 1275, as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. March 4.

---

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

---

### AN ACT

Relative to the Payment of Money by Counties, Cities and Towns to Employees enlisted in or drafted for the Service 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 two hundred and fifty-four of  
2 the General Acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven-  
3 teen is hereby amended by striking out the said section  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section*  
5 *1.* Counties, cities and towns are hereby authorized to  
6 pay employees who were in their service on March  
7 twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and who,  
8 between that date and the close of the war as deter-  
9 mined by the United States government, leave such  
10 service for the purpose of entering the military or naval  
11 service of the United States, or are drafted into the said  
12 military or naval service during the said period, an

13 amount equal to the difference between the compensation  
14 which such employees were receiving at the time of  
15 leaving such service and the pay they receive while in  
16 said military or naval service under the acts of congress  
17 and of this commonwealth, including aid to their de-  
18 pendants. The payments herein provided for shall date  
19 from the time when the employee leaves the service of  
20 the county, city or town, and shall continue to be made  
21 for six months after the close of the war as determined  
22 aforesaid, unless the recipient is sooner discharged.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter two hundred  
2 and fifty-four of the General Acts of the year nineteen  
3 hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by inserting  
4 after the word "effect", in the first line, the words:—  
5 in counties upon its acceptance by the county commis-  
6 sioners, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 2.* This  
7 act shall take effect in counties upon its acceptance by  
8 the county commissioners, in cities upon its acceptance  
9 by the mayor and city council in accordance with the  
10 provisions of the charter of the city, or by the commis-  
11 sion in cities where there is a commission form of govern-  
12 ment, and in towns upon its acceptance by the voters  
13 of the town at any regular or special town meeting.

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Mar. 4, 1918.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

FRANK E. BRIDGMAN,  
*Assistant Clerk, Acting Clerk.*