

HOUSE No. 2874

By Mr. Long of Fall River, petition of John J. Long for legislation relative to the retirement of certain war veterans with twenty or more years in the public service. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 490 of the acts of 1961 is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:—

4 *Section 1.* A veteran, as defined in section one of chapter
5 thirty-two of the General Laws, who has been in the service of
6 the commonwealth, or of any county, city, town or district, for
7 a total period of twenty years in the aggregate and has attained
8 age sixty-five, and whose employment therein began on or before
9 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, shall, at his
10 own request, with the approval of the retiring authority, be
11 retired from active service at sixty per cent of the highest annual
12 rate of compensation, with an additional allowance of one per
13 cent of said annual rate of compensation for each additional
14 year of service, but not to exceed sixty-five per cent in any case,
15 and including any maintenance allowance, payable to him while
16 he was holding the grade held by him at his retirement, and pay-
17 able from the same source. No veteran whose employment
18 first began prior to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-
19 nine, shall be subject to the provisions of this act unless at the
20 time of his retirement the total period of his creditable service is
21 at least equal to twice the time he was not in the employ of the

22 commonwealth or of a county, city, town or district when his
23 employment by the commonwealth or by a county, city, town or
24 district first began; provided, however, that this sentence shall
25 not affect adversely any rights, benefits or privileges, or the en-
26 titlement to any rights, benefits or privileges, of any person in
27 the employ of the commonwealth or any political subdivision
28 thereof, immediately prior to June tenth, nineteen hundred and
29 fifty-four, to receive such rights, benefits or privileges.