

HOUSE No. 669

By Mr. O'Farrell of Malden, petition of the Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of Massachusetts, for increasing the retirement allowance of certain veterans retired after thirty years of public service. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE RETIREMENT COMPENSATION TO VETERANS RETIRED AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF 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 Section 58 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out in line 5, the words "sixty-five" and
3 inserting in place thereof the words: — seventy-two, — so as to
4 read as follows: —

5 *Section 58.* A veteran who has been in the service of the
6 commonwealth or any county, city, town or district, for a total
7 period of thirty years in the aggregate, shall at his own request,
8 with the approval of the retiring authority be retired from active
9 service at sixty-five per cent of the highest annual rate of com-
10 pensation, including any bonuses paid in lieu of additional salary
11 or as a temporary wage increase in addition to his regular com-
12 pensation, and including any maintenance allowance payable to
13 him while he was holding the grade held by him at his retire-
14 ment. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
15 any veteran who prior to the effective date of this act was
16 retired under the provision of section fifty-eight of chapter
17 thirty-two, shall have his annual pension adjusted, so as to
18 comply with the provisions of section fifty-eight as amended.

The Commission of Enquiry

to inquire into the operations of the Commission

and to report thereon to the House of Commons

as directed by the House of Commons in its resolution

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