

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Joseph B. Walsh for legislation to extend certain rights and privileges to veterans of the Vietnam emergency. Military Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES TO VETERANS
OF THE VIETNAM EMERGENCY.

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. Clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second
3 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following para-
4 graph: —

5 "Wartime service" shall mean service performed by a
6 "Spanish War veteran", a "World War I veteran", a "Korean
7 veteran", a "Vietnam veteran" or a member of the "WAAC",
8 as defined in this clause during any of the periods of time de-
9 scribed herein or for which such medals described below are
10 awarded.

1 SECTION 2. Clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 seventh paragraph the following two paragraphs:

4 "Vietnam veteran" shall mean any veteran who performed
5 such wartime service between _____, 19
6 and the termination of the Vietnam emergency as declared by
7 proper federal authority.

8 "Vietnam emergency" shall mean the period between
9 _____, 19 _____ and the end of the Vietnam emergency
10 as declared by proper federal authority.

