

HOUSE No. 6217

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 26, 1973.

The Committee on Taxation to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2390) of Vincent J. Piro that cities and towns be reimbursed for loss of taxes through abatements granted to veterans blinded as a result of service connected disabilities, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6217) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAMES A. O'BRIEN, Jr.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR LOSS OF TAXES THROUGH ABATEMENTS GRANTED TO VETERANS BLINDED AS A RESULT OF A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY.

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 58 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 8A, as inserted by chapter 687
3 of the acts of 1957 and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 8A.* The state treasurer shall annually reimburse each
6 city or town for the amount of taxes lost by such city or town
7 through an abatement to a paraplegic veteran or the widow of
8 such paraplegic veteran, or to a veteran who according to the
9 records of the Veterans Administration or any branch of the
10 armed forces of the United States, by reason of injury received or
11 disease contracted while in wartime service in the armed forces of
12 the United States and in the line of duty, has suffered permanent
13 loss of sight of both eyes as prescribed and certified by the
14 Veterans Administration, authorized by the commissioner of cor-
15 porations and taxation and granted under the provisions of sec-
16 tion eight.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply to taxes levied for the fiscal
2 period, beginning January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-
3 three, and ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-
4 four, and subsequent fiscal years.