

SENATE No. 648

By Mr. Doris, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 648) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to extend certain hospital benefits to certain persons who served with the armed forces of the allies of the United States. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN HOSPITAL BENEFITS TO CERTAIN PERSONS WHO SERVED WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE ALLIES 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 Chapter 115A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 4, as amended by section 15 of chapter
3 250 of the acts of 1974, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 4.* Any person who was recruited in the United
6 States and who served in the military service of Poland while
7 said country was allied with the United States in World War
8 I, between October seventh, nineteen hundred and seventeen,
9 and January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, both
10 dates inclusive, and any person who while a citizen of the
11 commonwealth served with the armed forces of the allies of
12 the United States during World War I, World War II, Korea
13 or Vietnam, during the wartime periods as more particularly
14 defined in the definition of "veteran" in the laws of the com-
15 monwealth, shall be entitled to out patient treatment at,
16 admission to and hospitalization in the Soldiers' Home in Mas-
17 sachusetts and the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke; provided, that
18 he produces information in conformity with the rules and
19 regulations of said Homes, that he has been honorably dis-
20 charged from said service, and is a citizen of the common-
21 wealth and resides in a city or town therein, or if not such

22 a citizen, is a citizen of the United States and resides therein;
 23 but no such person shall be treated as an out-patient at, ad-
 24 mitted to, or hospitalized in, said Homes if the treatment,
 25 admission or hospitalization of any person qualified under
 26 the provisions of section one would thereby be postponed or
 27 denied.