

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1507**

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1507) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., Frank Tucker and William Randolph Cohen for legislation to designate the Grand Army of the Republic Department of Massachusetts memorial hall. State Administration.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS MEMORIAL HALL.**

*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 8 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out Section 16A and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
3 ing section: —

4 *Section 16A.* The hall bounded by the Hall of Flags, the  
5 Governor's staircase, the Doric Hall and the Senate staircase  
6 on the second floor of the statehouse shall be designated as  
7 the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachu-  
8 setts Memorial Hall and suitable mementos may be displayed  
9 there from time to time. A suitable marker shall be erected  
10 at this location.

11 Room numbered twenty-seven in the statehouse, formerly  
12 used by the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Mas-  
13 sachusetts, shall be preserved and maintained as a museum  
14 and shrine to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of  
15 Massachusetts, in further recognition of the services of those  
16 men who fought to preserve the Union of the States. Said  
17 room shall serve as a repository for such mementos, records,  
18 relics and historical data relating to the War of the Rebellion  
19 as may be deposited with the superintendent for that purpose,  
20 and shall be used for arranging and preserving a history of  
21 persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps dur-  
22 ing such war in organizations of the Commonwealth, or of  
23 citizens of the Commonwealth who served in the regular

24 Army, Navy or Marines of the United States. Said room may  
25 be used as a meeting place for organizations known as the  
26 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of  
27 Union Veterans of the Civil War, and any other organizations  
28 affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, Department  
29 of Massachusetts, subject to approval of the Deputy Commis-  
30 sioner of Capital Planning and Operations.