

HOUSE No. 456

Bill accompanying the petition of Edward F. Harrington relative to the persons eligible to receive from the Commonwealth the soldiers' and sailors' gratuity. Reconstruction. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

Relative to the Persons Eligible for the Bonus granted to
Veterans of the Army and Navy.

1 *Whereas*, Injustice and inconvenience would be caused
2 by any delay in the taking effect of this act; therefore
3 it is declared to be an emergency law necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 two of chapter two hundred and eighty-three
2 of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen is
3 hereby amended by striking out the words "prior to
4 January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and eighteen", in
5 the twenty-fifth line, — so as to read as follows: — *Sec-*
6 *tion 2.* Upon application, as hereinafter provided, there
7 shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the com-

8 monwealth, to each commissioned officer, enlisted man,
9 field clerk and army or navy nurse duly recognized as
10 such by the war or navy department, who was mustered
11 into the federal service and reported for active duty
12 subsequently to February third, nineteen hundred and
13 seventeen and prior to November eleventh, nineteen hun-
14 dred and eighteen, and to each commissioned officer,
15 warrant officer, nurse and enlisted man who enlisted or
16 was enrolled in or was mustered into the federal service
17 and who had been called and reported for active duty in
18 the United States Navy, United States Naval Reserve
19 Forces, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast
20 Guard, or the National Navy Volunteers, subsequently
21 to said February third and prior to said November
22 eleventh, and to every man who served during the war
23 in the regular army, navy or marine corps, or to the de-
24 pendents or heirs at law of the persons above enumerated,
25 as provided in section three, the sum of one hundred dol-
26 lars: *provided*, that every person on account of whose
27 service the application is filed had been a resident of the
28 commonwealth for a period of not less than six months
29 immediately prior to the time of his entry into service;
30 and *further provided*, that no benefits shall accrue under
31 this act because of the service of any person appointed to
32 or inducted into the military or naval forces who had not
33 reported for duty on or prior to November eleventh, nine-
34 teen hundred and eighteen at the military cantonment or
35 the naval station to which he was ordered, or who was
36 discharged from service or relieved from active duty and
37 not recalled to the colors, but in all cases of death in ser-
38 vice or discharge for physical incapacity received in the
39 line of duty the full amount of one hundred dollars shall
40 be payable notwithstanding the provisions of this section.



