

# HOUSE . . . No. 1723

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By Mr. Bacigalupo of Boston, petition of Edward P. Bacigalupo relative to pensioning members of the police department of the city of Boston who have been in military or naval service. Pensions.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

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An Act relative to pensioning Certain Members of the  
Police Department of the City of Boston.

*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 six of the acts of nineteen  
2 hundred and twenty is hereby amended by striking  
3 out, in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines, the words  
4 "during the war of the rebellion" and inserting in  
5 place thereof the words:— in the military or naval  
6 service of the United States in time of war or insur-  
7 rection, — and by adding at the end thereof the fol-  
8 lowing: — ; and provided, further, that such soldiers  
9 or sailors who have reached the age of sixty-five with-  
10 out regard to the length of service in said police de-  
11 partment, or have served therein for a period of  
12 twenty years without regard to their age, shall, at  
13 their request, be retired with a pension equal to one  
14 half the amount of compensation received by them  
15 at the time of retirement, — so as to read as follows: —  
16 *Section 1.* The police commissioner for the city of

17 Boston may retire from active service and place upon  
18 a pension roll any member of the police department  
19 who has performed faithful service in said depart-  
20 ment for a period not less than twenty years, if in the  
21 judgment of the commissioner said officer is inca-  
22 pacitated for useful service on said force, and said  
23 commissioner shall retire from such service and place  
24 upon a pension roll any member of said force who has  
25 arrived at the age of sixty-five years, or any member  
26 who shall be certified to said commissioner in writing,  
27 by the physician to the board of health of said city,  
28 as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally  
29 or physically, by injury sustained in the actual per-  
30 formance of duty, from further performing duty as  
31 such member: *provided, however*, that no officer shall  
32 be retired under the provisions of this act unless such  
33 action is approved in writing by the mayor of the city  
34 of Boston; and *provided*, that soldiers and sailors who  
35 served in the military or naval service of the United  
36 States in time of war or insurrection and who have  
37 received an honorable discharge shall not be retired  
38 at the age of sixty-five years, except at their own  
39 request; and *provided, further*, that such soldiers or  
40 sailors who have reached the age of sixty-five without  
41 regard to the length of service in said police depart-  
42 ment, or have served therein for a period of twenty  
43 years without regard to their age, shall, at their re-  
44 quest, be retired with a pension equal to one half the  
45 amount of compensation received by them at the time  
46 of retirement.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.