

HOUSE . . . No. 1809

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1938.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the fee charged for copies of certain records relating to soldiers, sailors and marines (House, No. 833), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1809).

For the committee,

A. I. ZIMON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FURNISHING WITHOUT CHARGE
COPIES OF RECORDS RELATING TO SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND
MARINES IN CERTAIN CASES.

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 two hundred and sixty-two of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 forty-six, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition,
4 the following new section:—

5 *Section 46A.* No fee for a copy of any record re-
6 lating to the birth, death, marriage, adoption or change
7 of name of any soldier, sailor or marine who served in
8 the army or navy of the United States in time of war
9 or insurrection and received an honorable discharge
10 therefrom or release from active duty therein, shall
11 be demanded or received by any officer of the com-
12 monwealth or of any county, city or town, who has
13 charge of such record, from any such soldier, sailor
14 or marine, or from his widow, dependents or legal
15 representatives; provided, that such copy is for use
16 in relation to a claim against the United States.