

HOUSE No. 2285

By Mr. Kramer of Chelsea, petition of Bernard J. Riley and Albert Kramer for legislation relative to the leasing by cities and towns of headquarters for local posts of the United American War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc. Military Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LEASING BY CITIES AND TOWNS OF SUITABLE HEADQUARTERS FOR LOCAL POSTS OF THE UNITED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

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 9 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently
3 amended by section 4 of chapter 626 of the acts of 1960, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— A city or
5 town may, for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters
6 for such post or posts of any veterans' organization incorpo-
7 rated or chartered by the congress of the United States, as have
8 been in operation for at least three years, or for the purpose of
9 providing suitable headquarters for a camp of the United Span-
10 ish War Veterans, or for a post of the Polish-American Vet-
11 erans, Inc., of the Lithuanian War Veterans Organization, Inc.,
12 of the American Veterans of World War II, AMVETS, of the
13 Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incor-
14 porated, of the Armenian American Veterans Association, Inc.,
15 of the United American Veterans of the United States of
16 America, Inc., or for a barracks of the Veterans of World War I
17 of the U.S.A., lease for a period not exceeding five years build-
18 ings or parts of buildings which shall be under the direction
19 and control of such post, camp or barracks subject to regu-

20 lations made in cities by the mayor with the approval of the
21 council and in towns by vote of the town, and for said purposes
22 a town with a valuation of less than five million dollars may
23 annually appropriate not more than two thousand dollars; a
24 town with a valuation of five million dollars but not more than
25 twenty-five million dollars may annually appropriate not more
26 than three thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more
27 than twenty-five million dollars but not more than fifty million
28 dollars may annually appropriate not more than four thousand
29 dollars; a town with a valuation of more than fifty million dol-
30 lars but not more than seventy-five million dollars may an-
31 nually appropriate not more than five thousand dollars; a town
32 with a valuation of more than seventy-five million dollars but
33 not more than one hundred million dollars may annually appro-
34 priate not more than six thousand dollars; a town with a valua-
35 tion of more than one hundred million dollars but not more
36 than one hundred and twenty-five million dollars may annually
37 appropriate not more than seven thousand dollars; a town with
38 a valuation of more than one hundred and twenty-five million
39 dollars but not more than one hundred and fifty million dollars
40 may annually appropriate not more than eight thousand dol-
41 lars; and a town with a valuation of more than one hundred
42 and fifty million dollars may annually appropriate eight thou-
43 sand dollars, and in addition three thousand dollars for each
44 additional one hundred and fifty million dollars of valuation,
45 or major fraction thereof.