

HOUSE No. 49.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 9, 1896.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. MELAVEN of Worcester.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

AN ACT

To amend Chapter Three Hundred and Sixty-seven of the Acts of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-three entitled "An Act concerning the Volunteer Militia."

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 one hundred and twenty-four is hereby
- 2 amended by the insertion of the following words after
- 3 the word Commonwealth, "except by permission of
- 4 the governor," and after the word soldiers, "organ-
- 5 izations having obtained a written permission of the
- 6 governor," so as to read as follows:—
- 7 No body of men whatsoever, other than the regu-
- 8 larly organized corps of the militia, the troops of the
- 9 United States, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery
- 10 Company, the Veteran Artillery Association of Newbury-

11 port, the Veteran Cadet Association of Salem, the Vet-
12 eran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets of
13 Boston, the Salem Light Infantry Veteran Association,
14 the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and
15 Salisbury, and the Boston Light Infantry Association,
16 shall associate themselves together at any time as a com-
17 pany or organization for drill or parade with fire-arms, or
18 maintain an armory in any city or town in this Common-
19 wealth, except by permission of the governor; nor shall
20 any city or town raise or appropriate any money towards
21 arming, equipping, uniforming, or in any way support-
22 ing, sustaining or providing drill rooms or armories for
23 any such body of men: *provided*, that associations wholly
24 composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the ser-
25 vice of the United States may parade in public with
26 arms upon the reception of any regiments or companies
27 of soldiers returning from said service, and for the pur-
28 pose of escort duty at the burial of deceased soldiers;
29 and organizations having obtained a written permission
30 from the governor, having first obtained a written per-
31 mission so to do of the mayor and aldermen of the cities
32 or the selectmen of the towns in which they desire to
33 parade; and *provided, further*, that students in educa-
34 tional institutions where military science is a prescribed
35 part of the course of instruction may, with the consent
36 of the governor, drill and parade with fire-arms in public
37 under the superintendence of their teachers; and *pro-*
38 *vided, further*, that this section shall not be construed to
39 prevent any organization heretofore authorized thereto
40 by law from parading with side arms.

