

SENATE No. 46.

To accompany the petition of Thomas J. Collins that certain bodies of men may be allowed to drill in public with harmless or condemned firearms. Military Affairs.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

AN ACT

Relative to Drilling in Public with Harmless or Condemned Firearms.

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. Section one hundred and forty-seven
2 of chapter sixteen of the Revised Laws, as amended
3 by chapter two hundred and twenty-six of the acts
4 of the year nineteen hundred and four, is hereby
5 further amended by striking out the words "imi-
6 tation of firearms which has been," in the twen-
7 tieth line, and inserting in place thereof the words:
8 — *or condemned firearms*, — so as to read as fol-
9 lows: —

10 *Section 147.* No body of men, except the volun-
11 teer militia, the troops of the United States and the
12 ancient and honorable artillery company of Boston,
13 shall maintain an armory or associate together at
14 any time as a company or organization for drill or
15 parade with firearms, nor so drill or parade;
16 nor shall any city or town raise or appropriate
17 money toward arming, equipping, uniforming, sup-
18 porting, or providing drill rooms or armories for
19 any such body of men: *provided*, that associations
20 wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged
21 from the service of the United States may parade
22 in public with arms, upon the reception of any regi-
23 ments or companies of soldiers returning from said
24 service, and for escort duty at the burial of de-
25 ceased soldiers, with the written permission of the
26 mayor and aldermen of the city or the selectmen
27 of the town in which they desire to parade; that
28 students in educational institutions where military
29 science is a prescribed part of the course of instruc-
30 tion may, with the consent of the governor, drill
31 and parade with firearms in public, under the su-
32 perintendence of their teachers, and any body of
33 men may, with the consent of the governor, drill
34 and parade in public with any harmless *or con-*
35 *demned firearms* approved by the adjutant general;
36 that regularly organized posts of the grand army
37 of the republic and regularly organized camps of
38 the legion of Spanish war veterans may, at any
39 time, parade in public their color guards of not
40 more than twelve men, armed with firearms; that
41 regularly organized camps of the sons of veterans
42 may, at any time, parade in public their color
43 guards of ten men with firearms; and that any or-

44 ganization heretofore authorized thereto by law
45 may parade with sidearms and any veteran asso-
46 ciation composed wholly of past members of the
47 militia of this Commonwealth may maintain an ar-
48 mory for the use of the organizations of the militia
49 to which its members belonged.

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

