

# HOUSE . . . . No. 931

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Bill accompanying the petition of Franklin L. Joy for legislation to provide for further allowance for care of property for certain officers of the militia. Military Affairs. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

### AN ACT

Relative to Allowances for the Care of Property in the  
Massachusetts 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 1. Section one hundred and seventy-four of  
2 chapter six hundred and four of the acts of the year  
3 nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by strik-  
4 ing out the words, "the commander of the first corps of  
5 cadets and" in the fiftieth line thereof, and by insert-  
6 ing the words:— to the commander of the first corps of  
7 cadets, two hundred and fifty dollars,— after the words  
8 "fifty dollars," in the fifty-first line thereof, so that said  
9 section shall read as follows:— *Section 174.* There shall  
10 be allowed and paid to each officer and soldier required to  
11 travel on duty, as follows: under sections one hundred and

12 forty-one, one hundred and forty-two, one hundred and  
13 fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-two and one hundred and  
14 sixty, two cents a mile each way, computed by the most  
15 direct railroad communication from the place in which the  
16 headquarters of the various commands and the armories of  
17 the companies are situated; and when upon duty as a mem-  
18 ber or judge advocate of any military court or board, or as  
19 a witness or defendant before such court or board, when  
20 appearing before the board of examiners provided for in  
21 section sixty-three, when attending meetings of officers, as  
22 provided in section one hundred and fifty-eight; when  
23 acting as the presiding officer at an election, as an elector  
24 at the election of a general or field officer, or as a pay-  
25 master, or in any case when obliged by orders of the  
26 commander-in-chief to travel without troops,—four  
27 cents a mile each way, computed by the most direct rail-  
28 road communication from the residence of the officer or  
29 soldier. There shall annually be allowed and paid a  
30 sum for instruction in riding not exceeding ten dollars  
31 per man for the aggregate enlisted strength entitled by  
32 law to be mounted. Certificates signed by the com-  
33 manding officer of each organization, stating the number  
34 of men in his command who have received such instruc-  
35 tion and who have ridden at least five times under proper  
36 military instruction, shall be furnished to the adjutant-  
37 general, and upon his approval payments shall be made  
38 from said sum to the commanding officer of each organiza-  
39 tion at the rate of ten dollars for each man in his com-  
40 mand, not exceeding the maximum legal enlisted strength  
41 thereof, so certified as having received instruction.  
42 There shall annually be allowed and paid out of the  
43 treasury of the commonwealth to every person who has  
44 held a commission in the Massachusetts volunteer  
45 militia and who has served the whole of the year pre-

46 ceding the first day of April of each year, the sum of  
47 thirty-five dollars, upon the approval of the adjutant-  
48 general, and of the intermediate commander of organiza-  
49 tions, and upon their certification that such persons  
50 during the said period of service have complied with  
51 the provisions of section one hundred and six of this  
52 act; and every commissioned officer who has not held  
53 his office during the whole of said year shall, upon the  
54 approval and certification by the officers specified in  
55 this section and in the manner aforesaid, be allowed and  
56 paid such sum as may equitably be due him for that  
57 part of the year during which he actually served.  
58 There shall annually be allowed and paid for the care  
59 of and responsibility for military property of the com-  
60 monwealth in their charge, to each company com-  
61 mander, fifty dollars; to the commander of the first  
62 corps of cadets, two hundred and fifty dollars; to the  
63 commander of the second corps of cadets, two hundred  
64 and fifty dollars; to each commander of a battery of  
65 field artillery, two hundred dollars; to each regimental  
66 commander, the commander of the field artillery bat-  
67 talion, the commander of the squadron of cavalry and  
68 to the signal corps commander, fifty dollars to the com-  
69 mander of the naval brigade, five hundred dollars, and to  
70 the hospital corps commander fifty dollars; from which  
71 the adjutant-general may deduct the cost of all articles  
72 lost by neglect or losses unsatisfactorily explained, before  
73 certification to the auditor for payment. When military  
74 property loaned by the United States government to the  
75 commonwealth has suffered loss or injury, the amount of  
76 such loss or injury shall be paid to the United States  
77 government out of the treasury of the commonwealth  
78 upon the approval of the adjutant-general, and the  
79 amounts so paid shall be deducted from allowances

80 herein made payable to officers of the militia or from  
81 sums paid into the treasury of the commonwealth by the  
82 adjutant-general on account of such loss or injury and col-  
83 lected by him from officers of the militia responsible there-  
84 for, or from their bondsmen. Inspecting officers when on  
85 duty in armories, under orders of the commander-in-chief,  
86 shall receive the pay and allowances provided for officers  
87 on special duty.

88 There shall annually be allowed and paid out of the  
89 treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding four  
90 thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of  
91 the adjutant-general, in furnishing the officers and men  
92 of the organized militia with uniform instruction in mili-  
93 tary authority, organization and administration and in  
94 the elements of military art. Certificates for allowance  
95 of expenses incident to such instruction shall be fur-  
96 nished to the adjutant-general, and upon his approval,  
97 payment shall be made to the person or persons certified  
98 to be entitled thereto.

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