

EXTRA SESSION.

**SENATE . . . . . No. 5**

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Mr. Beck moves that this bill be substituted by amendment for the House Bill to provide aid for certain dependent relatives of soldiers of the Commonwealth in the federal service on the Mexican border (House, No. 2).

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

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**AN ACT**

To provide Aid for Certain Dependent Relatives of Soldiers of the Commonwealth in the Federal Service on the Mexican Border.

*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. The wife, widow, children under  
2 sixteen years of age, parents, brothers and  
3 sisters actually dependent upon any resident  
4 of the commonwealth who has enlisted, or here-  
5 after shall be duly enlisted and mustered into  
6 the military service of the United States as a  
7 part of the quota of this commonwealth called  
8 for service on the Mexican border may make  
9 application for aid to the commissioner of state

10 aid and pensions, or, the mayor and aldermen  
11 of the city or the selectmen of the town in which  
12 they reside shall, at their request, make such  
13 application in their behalf.

1 SECTION 2. Persons who incur disabilities in  
2 such service and who are honorably discharged  
3 therefrom shall be eligible to receive state and  
4 military aid under the same rules, conditions  
5 and limitations as to amounts as are now ap-  
6 plied to applicants for aid under chapter five  
7 hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of the year  
8 nineteen hundred and fourteen.

1 SECTION 3. Applicants for such aid shall, as  
2 a basis for the first payment thereof, state in  
3 writing, under oath, the name, age and residence  
4 of the person for whom such aid is sought, the  
5 relationship of the applicant to the soldier, the  
6 company and regiment in which such soldier is  
7 enlisted and in which he last served, the date  
8 and place of such enlistment, when known, the  
9 duration of such service and the reason for the  
10 application, and shall furnish such official cer-  
11 tificate or record, evidence of enlistment, service  
12 and discharge as may be required.

1 SECTION 4. There shall be paid from the treas-  
2 ury of the commonwealth, at any time prior to  
3 January fifteen, nineteen hundred and seventeen,  
4 upon the order of the commissioner of state aid  
5 and pensions, such sums and to such applicants

6 as he may, after investigation, find to be depend-  
7 ent upon a resident of the commonwealth engaged  
8 in said service, not exceeding thirty dollars per  
9 month on account of the total aid rendered to all  
10 dependents of any one soldier, as may be required  
11 to insure their suitable maintenance.

1 SECTION 5. For the purpose of meeting ex-  
2 penses authorized by this act, the treasurer and  
3 receiver general is hereby authorized, with the  
4 approval of the governor and council, to issue  
5 bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding in the  
6 aggregate one hundred and fifty thousand dollars  
7 for a term not exceeding five years. Such bonds  
8 or notes shall be designated on the face thereof,  
9 Massachusetts Military Dependents Loan, Act of  
10 1916; shall be countersigned by the governor, and  
11 shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of  
12 the commonwealth, and the principal and interest  
13 shall be paid at the times specified on said bonds  
14 or notes in gold coin of the United States, or its  
15 equivalent. Said bonds or notes shall be disposed  
16 of in such manner as shall be deemed best by  
17 the treasurer and receiver general. The treasurer  
18 and receiver general shall, on issuing any of said  
19 bonds or notes, provide for the payment of the  
20 same in the manner prescribed by chapter three  
21 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
22 twelve, and the amount necessary to pay the prin-  
23 cipal of said loan as it matures and the interest as  
24 it accrues shall be raised by taxation from year to  
25 year.

1 SECTION 6. The provisions of this act shall  
2 not apply to the dependents of any inhabitant of  
3 this commonwealth who has enlisted, or who may  
4 hereafter enlist, in the corps of other states or  
5 territories.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.