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To accompany the petition of John E. Beck relative to the settlement of soldiers and their dependents eligible to receive military aid and soldiers' relief. Military Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

**AN ACT**

Relative to the Settlement of Soldiers and their Dependents Eligible to receive Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief.

*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 four of chapter six hun-  
2 dred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year nine-  
3 teen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by  
4 adding at the end thereof the following:—  
5 But the settlement existing on August twelfth,  
6 nineteen hundred and sixteen, of soldiers and  
7 their dependents eligible to receive military aid  
8 and soldiers' relief under existing laws shall  
9 continue in force while said soldiers or dependents

10 are actually residing in the commonwealth until  
11 a new settlement is gained in another city or  
12 town in the manner heretofore prescribed; and  
13 any settlement of such soldier or dependent here-  
14 tofore lost under the provisions of this section is  
15 hereby revived, so as to read as follows:—  
16 *Section 4.* A person who, after the passage of  
17 this act, is absent for five consecutive years from  
18 the city or town in which he had a settlement  
19 shall thereby lose his settlement. But the time  
20 during which a person shall have been an inmate  
21 of any public hospital, public sanatorium, alms-  
22 house, jail, prison, or other public institution,  
23 within the commonwealth, or of a soldiers' or  
24 sailors' home whether within or without the  
25 commonwealth, shall not be counted in com-  
26 puting the time either for acquiring or for losing  
27 a settlement, except as provided in section two.  
28 But the settlement existing on August twelfth,  
29 nineteen hundred and sixteen, of soldiers and  
30 their dependents eligible to receive military aid  
31 and soldiers' relief under existing laws shall  
32 continue in force while said soldiers or dependents  
33 are actually residing in the commonwealth until  
34 a new settlement is gained in another city or  
35 town in the manner heretofore prescribed; and  
36 any settlement of such soldier or dependent here-  
37 tofore lost under the provisions of this section is  
38 hereby revived.

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