

By Mr. Dever of Arlington, petition of Edward J. Dever, Jr., relative to the real estate tax exemption granted to certain veterans. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED
TO CERTAIN VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Clause Twenty-second of section 5 of chapter 59 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in
3 section 1 of chapter 359 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:—Real estate of the fol-
5 lowing classes of persons who are legal residents of the com-
6 monwealth and who are veterans, as defined in clause forty-
7 three of section seven of chapter four, and whose last discharge
8 or release from the armed forces was under other than dis-
9 honorable conditions and who were domiciled in Massachusetts
10 for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who
11 have resided in the commonwealth for five consecutive years
12 next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause,
13 hereinafter referred to in this clause as soldiers and sailors,
14 provided such real estate is occupied in whole or in part as his
15 domicile by such person, and provided, further, that if the
16 spouse of the soldier or sailor is also a soldier or sailor each
17 shall receive the amount of exemption provided in this clause
18 to the same extent as if unmarried, to the amount of two thou-
19 sand dollars or the sum of one hundred and seventy-five
20 dollars, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater
21 amount of actual taxes due. No real estate shall be so exempt
22 which the assessors shall adjudge has been conveyed to a
23 soldier or sailor or to his wife, widow, father or mother to
24 evade taxation.

By the Clerk at Washington, this 10th day of February, 1870, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Senate, at Washington, this 10th day of February, 1870.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 1

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