

*Chap. 12* AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN LAWS RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter five hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one is hereby repealed.

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

*Approved January 29, 1946.*

*Chap. 13* AN ACT TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

*Whereas*, An acute shortage of housing exists in many of the cities and towns of the commonwealth and on account of such shortage many veterans of World War II are unable to obtain shelter for themselves and their families, and this shortage is likely to continue for a substantial period of time, and inability to obtain adequate shelter will cause suffering and disease among such veterans and their families unless such shortage is relieved, therefore this act is declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that an acute shortage of housing exists in many of the cities and towns of the commonwealth; that on account of such shortage many veterans of World War II are unable to obtain shelter for themselves and their families regardless of their ability to pay for such shelter; that on account of the extent of the deficiency in housing and the difficulty in obtaining building materials it is likely that this shortage will continue for a substantial period; that on this account a time of public exigency, emergency and distress now exists so that the providing of shelter is a public function; and each city or town in which such shortage exists is hereby authorized to provide shelter for such of its inhabitants as are veterans of said war in the manner hereinafter designated for a period of five years from the date when this act becomes operative unless the general court shall previously determine that the time of public exigency, emergency and distress has ended, which period is hereinafter referred to as the present emergency.

SECTION 2. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

*Veteran.* — A man or woman who served in the army or navy of the United States at any time on or after December seventh, nineteen hundred and forty-one and before the conclusion of World War II and has been separated therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. The term shall also include the widow of a man who so served and who died while in such service and the wife of a man who is still serving in said army or navy.