

Accompanying the second recommendation of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services (House, No. 280). Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WARTIME SERVICE OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II.

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 Forty-third of Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out lines 267 to 272 and inserting in place
4 thereof the following: —

5 "World War II Veteran" shall mean (a) any veteran who
6 performed such wartime service between September sixteenth,
7 nineteen hundred and forty and December thirty-first, nineteen
8 hundred and forty-six —, except that for the purposes of chapter
9 thirty-one it shall mean all active between the dates of September
10 sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and June twenty-fifth,
11 nineteen hundred and fifty, or (b) any person who performed such
12 wartime service as a member of the American merchant marine
13 in active ocean-going service during the period of armed conflict
14 commencing December seventh, nineteen hundred and forty-one
15 and ending on August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-five,
16 and is in receipt of a discharge certificate issued by the Department
17 of Defense, or successor agency thereto, certifying said person to
18 have performed active duty with the armed forces of the United
19 States.

