

HOUSE No. 3893

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 26, 1966.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to further extend the dates of termination of certain acts relating to the rights and privileges of certain veterans (House, No. 3818), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 3893).

For the committee,

MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS.

Senator HARMON dissenting.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE DATES OF TERMINATION OF CERTAIN ACTS
RELATING TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 708 of the acts of 1941 is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 25, as most recently amended by sec-
3 tion 1 of chapter 726 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 25.* Service in the military or naval forces of the
6 United States referred to in this act shall, except as otherwise
7 provided thereby, mean such service occurring between January
8 first, nineteen hundred and forty and the termination of the
9 Selective Service Act of 1948; provided, however, that such
10 service shall not be construed to include service for more than
11 four years unless such further period of service in excess of
12 four years was involuntary service required by the government
13 of the United States.

1 SECTION 2. The third subparagraph of paragraph (h) of sub-
2 division (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is
3 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended
4 by section 2 of chapter 580 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in
5 place thereof the following sentence: — Any member who
6 served in the armed forces between January first, nineteen hun-
7 dred and forty and the termination of the Selective Service Act
8 of 1948, shall have such actual service credited to him as cred-
9 itable service when reinstated or re-employed in his former posi-
10 tion or in a similar position within six months of his discharge
11 or release from such service; provided, however, that such serv-
12 ice shall not be construed to include service for more than four
13 years unless such further period of service in excess of four years
14 was involuntary service required by the government of the
15 United States.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 32 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 58A, as most recently amended by section 3
3 of said chapter 580, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 58A.* A veteran eligible to retirement under section
6 fifty-six, fifty-seven or fifty-eight, who was employed in the
7 service of the commonwealth, or any county, city, town or dis-
8 trict thereof, prior to his entry into wartime service as defined
9 in section twenty-one of chapter thirty-one, and upon whose
10 discharge or release therefrom was reinstated or re-employed
11 within six months in his former position or in a similar position,
12 shall have credited to him as creditable service the period of his
13 wartime service until the date of his discharge or release from
14 such service, which shall include credit for any actual service
15 in the armed forces between January first, nineteen hundred and
16 forty and the termination of the Selective Service Act of 1948;
17 provided, however, that such service shall not be construed to
18 include service for more than four years unless such further
19 period of service in excess of four years was involuntary service
20 required by the government of the United States.

21 Any such veteran who was employed in the service of the
22 commonwealth or any county, city, town or district thereof and
23 who was a member of a reserve component of the armed forces
24 which was called to active duty by order of the president of the
25 United States shall have credited to him as creditable service
26 the period of such active duty performed between October first,
27 nineteen hundred and sixty-one and July first, nineteen hundred
28 and sixty-four, provided that upon the termination of such ac-
29 tive duty or his discharge or release therefrom he was reinstated
30 or re-employed within six months in his former position or a
31 similar position.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect as of June thirtieth,
2 nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the war. It is followed by a detailed account of the operations of the various units of the Army, including the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Divisions. The report also covers the activities of the Air Force and the Navy, and the work of the various agencies of the War Relocation Authority. The final part of the report is a summary of the achievements of the Army during the year, and a list of the names of the personnel who have been awarded decorations and citations.

The report is a valuable source of information for those interested in the military operations of the United States Army during the war. It provides a detailed and accurate account of the activities of the various units of the Army, and the work of the various agencies of the War Relocation Authority. The report is also a valuable source of information for those interested in the achievements of the Army during the year, and the names of the personnel who have been awarded decorations and citations.