
Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Lombard of Fitchburg, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 4008). September 1.

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.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to extend forthwith certain rights
3 and privileges of veterans who served in the armed forces of the
4 United States upon their reinstatement or re-employment in
5 the service of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared
6 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preserva-
7 tion of the public convenience.

*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
2 amended by striking out section 25, as most recently amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 726 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in
4 place 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, or unless such service in excess of four
14 years was rendered prior to July first, nineteen hundred and
15 sixty-four and such person was reinstated or re-employed on or
16 before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

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 said chapter 726, and inserting in place thereof
5 the following sentence: — Any member who served in the
6 armed forces between January first, nineteen hundred and
7 forty and the termination of the Selective Service Act of 1948,
8 shall have such actual service credited to him as creditable
9 service when reinstated or re-employed in his former position
10 or in a similar position within two years of his discharge or
11 release from such service; provided, however, that such service
12 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, or unless such service in excess of four years
16 was rendered prior to July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-
17 four and such member was reinstated or re-employed on or
18 before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

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 726 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 two years 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, or unless such

21 service in excess of four years was rendered prior to July first,
22 nineteen hundred and sixty-four and such veteran was rein-
23 stated or re-employed on or before June thirtieth, nineteen
24 hundred and sixty-six.

25 Any such veteran who was employed in the service of the
26 commonwealth or any county, city, town or district thereof and
27 who was a member of a reserve component of the armed forces
28 which was called to active duty by order of the president of the
29 United States shall have credited to him as creditable service
30 the period of such active duty performed on and after October
31 first, nineteen hundred and sixty-one and the termination of the
32 Selective Service Act of 1948, provided that upon the termina-
33 tion of such active duty or his discharge or release therefrom he
34 was reinstated or re-employed within two years in his former
35 position or a similar position.

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

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