

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1111

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of the Disabled American Veterans (Department of Massachusetts), Michael F. Flaherty and another that provision be made for suitable recognition of residents of Massachusetts who shall have served in the armed forces of the United States during the Vietnam conflict. Social Welfare.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING SUITABLE RECOGNITION OF THOSE RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS WHO SHALL HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

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

- 1 Chapter 646 of the acts of 1968 is hereby amended by striking
- 2 out section 1 and inserting thereof the following section: —
- 3 *Section 1.* Upon application, as hereinafter provided, there
- 4 shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the common-
- 5 wealth without appropriation and without a warrant from the
- 6 governor and council, to each person who shall have served in
- 7 the armed forces of the United States and is a Vietnam veteran
- 8 as defined in clause Forty-third of section seven of chapter four
- 9 of the General Laws and who was discharged or released under
- 10 honorable conditions from such service, the sums hereinafter
- 11 specified; provided, that the domicile of every person on ac-
- 12 count of whose service the application is filed shall have been
- 13 in the commonwealth for a period of time not less than six
- 14 months immediately prior to the time of his entry into the
- 15 service and his enlistment, induction or commision in said
- 16 armed forces was credited to the quota of Massachusetts under
- 17 the Federal Selective Service Act.

