

By Mr. Finnegan of Boston, petition of John J. Finnegan that certain persons now serving in the armed forces of the United States be eligible to receive the Vietnam bonus. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PERSONS NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH A BONUS FOR SERVICES DURING HOSTILITIES IN VIETNAM.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to enable certain residents of Mas-
3 sachusetts who are serving in the armed forces of the United
4 States to receive immediately the bonus provided for service
5 during hostilities in Vietnam, therefore it is hereby declared
6 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preser-
7 vation 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:

8 Section 1 of chapter 646 of the acts of 1968 is hereby
9 amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

10 The benefits of this section are hereby extended to any com-
11 missioned officer, warrant officer, or person enlisted for an
12 indefinite enlistment serving in the armed forces of the United
13 States, who was domiciled as provided in this section and
14 who served in the said armed forces in active service for not
15 less than three years subsequent to June twenty-fifth, nine-
16 teen hundred and fifty, in any grade or grades, and who is
17 not otherwise entitled to said benefits solely for the reason
18 that he has not received a discharge or release under honor-
19 able conditions from such service.

The Commission of Investigation

to the Hon. the Speaker of the House and the Hon. the

Members of the House of Representatives, in relation to the

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