

follows: — *Section 28.* There shall be paid by the commonwealth to the secretary a salary of five hundred dollars and his necessary traveling and contingent expenses, not exceeding three hundred dollars, actually incurred in attending to the necessary work of the board, and to each of the other members of the board a salary of two hundred dollars and his necessary traveling and contingent expenses actually incurred in attending the meetings thereof.

Salary increase of members of board.

*Approved June 17, 1948.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF BURIAL EXPENSES OF CERTAIN VETERANS. *Chap. 648*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 8, as amended by section 4 of chapter 535 of the acts of the current year, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 8.* Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section seven shall not be greater than one hundred dollars for the burial of a child under the age of thirteen, nor greater than one hundred and fifty dollars for the burial of any other person; two dollars of the amount expended for any single burial shall be paid to the burial agent as compensation for his services. No city or town shall be reimbursed under this section for any amount so expended for any single burial if the total expense of said burial, by whomsoever incurred, exceeded two hundred dollars for a child under the age of thirteen, or five hundred dollars for any other person. The burial shall not be made in any cemetery or burial ground used exclusively for the burial of persons under the provisions of chapter one hundred and seventeen, or in any part of any cemetery or burial ground so used. Relatives of the deceased who are unable to bear the expense of burial may be allowed to conduct the funeral. The full amount so expended, the name of the deceased, and, if he was a veteran, the regiment, company, station, organization or vessel in which he served, the date of death, place of interment, and if the deceased was a wife or widow the name of her husband and date of her marriage, and if the deceased was a dependent child the name of the veteran, and such other details as the commissioner may require, shall be certified on oath to him, in such manner as he may approve, by the burial agent and the treasurer of the city or town expending the amount, within three months after the burial; the commissioner shall endorse upon the certificate his allowance of such amounts as he finds have been paid and reported according to the foregoing provisions, and shall transmit the certificate to the comptroller. One half the amounts so paid and allowed for burial expenses of veterans or dependents having settlements in the cities or towns making such payments, and all of the amounts so paid and allowed for burial expenses of

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 115, § 8, etc., amended.

Payment of burial expenses of certain veterans.