

By Mr. Serra of Boston, petition of Emanuel G. Serra for legislation to increase reimbursement by the Commonwealth to cities and towns for veterans' services. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

AN ACT INCREASING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO CITIES AND TOWNS FOR VETERANS' SERVICES.

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. Paragraph 6 of section 2 of chapter 115 of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 305 of the acts
3 of 1976, is hereby further amended by striking out the second
4 sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following sentence:
5 — On or before November tenth in the year following any expendi-
6 ture so authorized, the city or town making the same shall be
7 reimbursed by the commonwealth to the extent of three fourths of
8 such expenditure.

1 SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 793 of the acts of
3 1965, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence
4 thereof and substituting therefor the following sentences: — Sub-
5 ject to such decision and allowance, three fourths of the amount of
6 veterans' benefits paid to applicants by cities and towns wherein
7 they reside shall be paid by the commonwealth to the several cities
8 and towns on or before November tenth in the year after such ex-
9 penditures. No later than September first of each year, the veterans'
10 agents and treasurer of each city and town shall certify to the
11 commissioner on blank forms provided by him an accounting of all
12 costs incurred in the administration of the provisions of this section
13 during the preceding fiscal year. The commissioner shall transmit
14 such certificates to the comptroller and the amounts certified shall

15 be paid by the commonwealth to the several cities and towns on or
16 before November tenth in the year after the fiscal year in which
17 such expenditures have been made.

1 SECTION 3. Section 8 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 570 of the acts of
3 1966, is hereby further amended by striking the sixth sentence
4 thereof and substituting therefor the following sentence: — Three
5 fourths of the amounts so paid and allowed for burial expenses of
6 veterans or dependents by the cities and towns wherein they reside
7 shall be paid by the commonwealth to the several cities and towns
8 on or before November tenth in the year after the expenditures
9 have been made.

1 SECTION 4. Section 9 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 214 of the acts of 1976, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the fifth sentence thereof, the
4 following sentence: — No latter than September first of each year,
5 the veterans' agent and treasurer of each city and town shall certify
6 to the commissioner on a blank form provided by him an account-
7 ing of all costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section
8 during the preceding fiscal year. The commissioner shall transmit
9 such certificate to the comptroller and the amounts certified shall
10 be paid by the commonwealth to the several cities and towns on or
11 before November tenth in the year after the fiscal year in which
12 such expenditures have been made.