

HOUSE No. 2261

By Mr. Keenan of Boston, petition of William F. Keenan that certain persons who have served in the armed forces of the United Nations be included within the provisions of the laws providing housing for veterans. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO FURTHER DEFINE THE WORD "VETERAN" AS
USED IN THE VETERANS' HOUSING LAW.

1 *Whereas*, An acute shortage of housing exists in
2 many of the cities and towns of this commonwealth,
3 and because of such shortage many veterans of World
4 War II are unable to obtain shelter for themselves
5 and their families, and the shortage is likely to con-
6 tinue for a substantial period of time; and inability
7 to obtain adequate shelter will cause suffering and
8 disease among such veterans and their families un-
9 less such shortage is relieved, therefore this act is to
10 be declared an emergency law, necessary for the im-
11 mediate preservation of the public health and con-
12 venience.

*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 26J of chapter 121 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding after the paragraph de-
3 fining the word "veteran" the following: —

4 For the purpose of this chapter the word "veteran"
5 shall be deemed to include any person serving or who
6 has served in the active military or naval forces of
7 the United States as an element of the forces of the
8 United Nations.