HOUSE No. 1131.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Alden P. White. Military Affairs.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ACT

An Act to provide for the Reference of Disputed Claims for Soldier's Relief to the Commissioners of State Aid.

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. In cases where a person is entitled to
- 2 soldier's relief from a city or town, under the provisions
- 3 of chapter four hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the
- 4 year eighteen hundred and ninety, it shall be the duty of
- 5 the mayor and aldermen of such city, or the selectmen
- 6 of such town, to furnish such relief, without vote of the
- 7 city council or of the voters of such town authorizing
- 8 them thereto. If the mayor and aldermen or the select-
- 9 men fail to furnish such relief, any person aggrieved may
- 10 make complaint, by way of appeal from the action of such
- 11 municipal authorities, to the commissioners of State aid,

- 12 who shall thereupon forthwith make a thorough investi-
- 13 gation of the qualifications and circumstances of the ap-
- 14 plicant and shall determine the amount of relief, if any,
- 15 to be given to said applicant. Decisions of said com-
- 16 missioners shall be final, except that said board may at
- 17 any time reverse or amend its decisions.
 - 1 Section 2. Chapter two hundred and thirty-seven
 - 2 of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby
 - 3 repealed.
 - 1 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

