

**SENATE . . . . . No. 630**

By Mr. Tisei, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 630) of Richard R. Tisei and Brian M. Cresta for legislation relative to the wartime service of those members of the American Merchant Marine who served during World War II. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE TERM VETERAN.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Clause Forty-third of Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out lines 266 to 271 and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following:—

5 “World War II Veteran” shall mean (a) any veteran who per-  
6 formed such wartime service between September sixteenth, nine-  
7 teen hundred and forty and December thirty-first, nineteen  
8 hundred and forty-six, except for the purposes of chapter thirty-  
9 one it shall mean all active service between the dates of  
10 September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and June twenty-  
11 fifth nineteen hundred and fifty, or (b) any person who performed  
12 such wartime service as a member of the American Merchant  
13 Marine in active ocean-going service during the period of armed  
14 conflict commencing December seventh, nineteen hundred and  
15 forty-one, ending on August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-  
16 five, and is in receipt of a discharge certificate issued by the  
17 Department of Defense, or successor agency thereto, certifying said  
18 person to have performed active duty with the armed forces of the  
19 United States.

