

HOUSE No. 510

Bill accompanying the petition of Edwin H. Moulton, mayor of the city of Haverhill, for legislation to provide for the payment by the Commonwealth of soldiers' relief. Military Affairs. January 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

AN ACT

To provide for the Payment by the Commonwealth of Soldiers' Relief.

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 eighteen of chapter seventy-nine of the Revised
2 Laws as amended by chapter two hundred and fifty of the
3 acts of nineteen hundred and two is hereby further
4 amended by adding thereto the following:—The full
5 amount expended for soldiers' relief by any city or
6 town, the names of the persons to whom such relief has
7 been furnished, the amounts paid to or for each person,
8 the reasons therefor, the names of the persons on account
9 of whose services the relief was furnished, the names,
10 if any, of the companies, regiments or vessels in which
11 they respectively enlisted, or to which they were ap-

12 pointed, and in which they last served and the relation-
13 ship of each person to whom relief was furnished to the
14 soldier or sailor on account of whose services the relief was
15 furnished and such other details as the commissioner of
16 state aid may require, shall, within the first ten days of
17 the month following the month in which the expenditure
18 was made, be certified, under oath, by the mayor, treasurer
19 and city clerk of any city or a majority of the selectmen of
20 any town disbursing the same, to said commissioner on
21 blank forms to be provided by, and in a manner approved
22 by, said commissioner. The commissioner shall examine
23 the certificates thereof and allow and endorse thereon such
24 amounts as in his judgment have been paid and reported
25 according to the provisions of this section, and shall trans-
26 mit the certificates to the auditor. Said commissioner may
27 decide upon the necessity of the amount paid in each case,
28 and may allow any part thereof which he may deem proper
29 and lawful. The whole of the amounts legally paid as
30 aforesaid and so allowed for soldiers' relief shall be reim-
31 bursed by the commonwealth to the several cities and
32 towns on or before the tenth day of December in the year
33 after such expenditure.