

SENATE....No. 53.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, February 18, 1863.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was committed an Order relative to requiring the Clerks of Towns and Cities of the Commonwealth to make and preserve a record of the names and other particulars of the soldiers enlisted in their quota of the State troops, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

H. CARTER, *Chairman.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-  
Three.

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### AN ACT

To preserve a Record of our Soldiers and Officers.

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

1    SECT. 1. That it shall be the duty of the clerk of  
2 every city and town of this Commonwealth, as soon  
3 as may be after the passage of this act, to make out  
4 a full and complete record of the names of all the  
5 soldiers and officers who compose his town's quota of  
6 the troops furnished by the Commonwealth to the  
7 United States during the present rebellion, stating the  
8 time of enlistment of each, and the number and  
9 designation of his regiment and company; also the  
10 names of all who have resigned or been discharged,  
11 and at what time and for what cause; and all who  
12 have died in the service, and stating, when practica-  
13 ble, at what time and place and the cause of death,

14 whether by disease, accident, or on the field of battle ;  
15 and the promotions of officers and from the ranks,  
16 and the date thereof ; and the names of all deserters,  
17 if any ; and all such other facts as may relate strictly  
18 to the military career of each soldier and officer.

1     SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk of every  
2 city and town to procure a suitable blank book in  
3 which to make said record, and to preserve it among  
4 the other records of his town, and to make such  
5 additions to the same as may be necessary, from time  
6 to time, to make said record perfect and complete.  
7 And said clerks shall be entitled to a reasonable com-  
8 pensation for their services and expenses in perform-  
9 ing the duties devolved upon them by the provisions  
10 of this act, to be paid by their respective cities or  
11 towns.

1     SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

