

HOUSE No. 406.

[Mr. BROOKS of Springfield gives notice that he will move to substitute this bill for the report of the committee on Military Affairs, reference to the next General Court.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine.

AN ACT

Providing for the Burial of Deceased Indigent or Friendless ex-Union Soldiers, Sailors or Marines of the Late War.

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. It shall be the duty of the mayor
2 of each city and of the selectmen of each town
3 of the Commonwealth to designate some suitable
4 person or persons, who shall serve without com-
5 pensation, and shall be other than the overseers of
6 the poor or those employed by them, whose duty
7 it shall be, under regulations established by the
8 commissioners of state or military aid, to cause to

9 be properly interred the body of any honorably
10 discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in
11 the army or navy of the United States during the
12 late war, who may hereafter die in such city or
13 town without leaving sufficient means to defray
14 funeral expenses.

1 SECT. 2. The expense of such burial shall not
2 exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars. Such burial
3 shall not be made in any cemetery or burial
4 ground used exclusively for the burial of the
5 pauper dead, or in that portion of any burial
6 ground so used; and *provided*, that, in case rela-
7 tives of the deceased who are unable to bear the
8 expense of burial desire to conduct the funeral,
9 they may be allowed to do so, and the expense
10 shall be paid as herein provided.

1 SECT. 3. All sums allowed and expended
2 under section two of this act (but with no ex-
3 pense for the disbursement of the same) shall be
4 reimbursed from the treasury of the Common-
5 wealth to the several cities and towns which have
6 expended the same, on or before the first day of
7 December in the year after such expenditure.
8 One-half, and no more, of such sums so allowed
9 and expended, shall be so reimbursed.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

