

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, petition of Mary Jane Simmons that the Department of Veterans' Services be directed to conduct a study of the establishment of a veterans' cemetery in central Massachusetts. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING A CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATION.

1 Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for supple-
3 menting an existing appropriation for the fiscal year ending June
4 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, therefore it is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public convenience.

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. To provide for supplementing certain items in the
2 general appropriation act and other appropriations acts for fiscal
3 year nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, the sums set forth in
4 section two are hereby appropriated for the several purposes and
5 subject to the conditions specified in said appropriations acts, and
6 subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of
7 public funds, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen
8 hundred and ninety-seven. The sums so appropriated shall be in
9 addition to any amounts available for the purpose.

1 SECTION 2.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

1 SECTION 3. Item 1410-0010 of section 2 of chapter 151 of the
2 acts of 1996, as amended by section 73 of chapter 204 of the acts
3 of 1996, is hereby further amended by adding the following
4 words: — ; provided, further, that twenty-five thousand dollars
5 shall be expended for the department of veterans' services to con-
6 duct a study and prepare a plan for the establishment of a state
7 veteran's cemetery in central Massachusetts; provided, further,
8 said study and plan shall evaluate issues including, but not limited
9 to, acreage, costs associated with the acquisition of land, construc-
10 tion and operation of said cemetery and shall identify a site for
11 said cemetery including, but not limited to, federal or state owned
12 land; provided, further, said study shall further include mecha-
13 nisms to receive federal assistance or federal matching grants;
14 provided, further, said study and plan shall be reported to the
15 house and senate committees on ways and means within one hun-
16 dred and twenty days of the effective date of this act; and, pro-
17 vided, further, that notwithstanding the provisions of this item,
18 any costs associated with completion of said study shall be paid
19 from this item; if necessary prior appropriation continued.