

wise may act in such manner as it may deem necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1918.*

*Chap. 232* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1917, 327 (G),  
§ 113, amended.

Retirement of  
officers of the  
militia for age  
or length of  
service.

Proviso.

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and thirteen and substituting the following:—*Section 113.* Any commissioned officer in the militia service of the age of sixty-four years shall be discharged or placed upon the retired list with the grade held by him at the time of making application therefor: *provided*, that he complies with the provisions of this act, and any commissioned officer in the militia service who has served as such in the active militia of this commonwealth for the period of ten years may, upon his own application, be placed upon the retired list with the rank held by him at the time of making the application; but an officer who, at the time of making such application, has remained in the same grade for the period of ten years, or has served as a commissioned officer for the period of fifteen years, or, having served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war and having been honorably discharged therefrom, has also served as a commissioned officer in the militia of this commonwealth for the period of five years, may be retired with the rank next in grade above that held by him during the six months preceding the time of making such application. Any commissioned officer who has served in the active militia of this commonwealth for the period of fifteen years, at least six of which have been as a commissioned officer, may be placed upon the retired list with the rank held by him at the time of making such application. Any commissioned officer requesting retirement after the completion of twenty-five years or more of commissioned service may be placed upon the retired list with such increase in rank as the commander-in-chief may direct. A commissioned officer upon the retired list who accepts a commission in the active militia may at any time, upon his own application, be placed again upon the retired list with the rank with which he was formerly retired; *provided*,

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*however*, that if his latest service on the active list has entitled him to a grade on the retired list higher than that previously held by him, he shall be given such higher grade. At his own request, an officer applying for retirement, or a retired officer, may be given any rank of the same grade then held by him or of a lower grade. All officers who held a commission in the Massachusetts volunteer militia prior to the passage of this chapter, who would have been entitled to retirement as hereinbefore provided had the same been in effect, shall be entitled to apply for retirement under the provisions of this section.

Certain officers may apply for retirement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1918.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATIONS BY CITIES AND TOWNS IN AID OF DEPENDENT RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

*Chap. 233*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the words "liabilities incurred under the provisions of", in the first and second lines, and substituting the words: — appropriations for purposes specified in, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 7.* Cities and towns, to meet appropriations for purposes specified in this act, are hereby authorized to borrow in excess of the statutory limit, for a period not exceeding one year, such sums as may be required, and to issue notes therefor to be payable in not more than one year from the date of issue.

1917, 179 (G), § 7, amended.

Appropriations by cities and towns in aid of dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1918.*

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ARMORIES OF THE MILITIA.

*Chap. 234*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The annual salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia shall be three thousand dollars and that of the superintendent of armories twenty-three hundred dollars.

Chief quartermaster and superintendent of armories of the militia, salaries established.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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