

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AID.

Chap. 232

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any town or city may raise money by taxation or otherwise, and, if necessary, apply the same, under the direction of their selectmen, or mayor and aldermen, or city council, for the aid of the wife, children or step-children, parents, brothers or sisters of any person upon whom they were dependent, whether an inhabitant of said town or city or not, (*provided* only that those to whom aid is given shall reside within the United States,) who, as a part of the quota of this Commonwealth, and of said town or city, either,

Town may raise and apply money for dependents of U. S. soldiers and sailors.

First. Has been duly enlisted and mustered into the volunteer service of the United States, or into the regular military service, since the third day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and remains actually in said military service; or,

Conditions: of volunteer mustered since Sept. 3, '62.

Second. Has been drafted into the army of the United States under any act of Congress, and remains actually in said military service; or,

Drafted under U. S. law.

Third. Has been duly enlisted into the naval service of the United States, or transferred to such service from the military service: *provided*, that he is credited to such town or city under the enrolment laws of the United States; or,

In navy, credited to town under U. S. laws.

Fourth. Who may have died after being duly mustered into the military or naval service of the United States upon voluntary enlistment or draft, or upon transfer from the military to the naval service, first, while in the service of the United States, or second, after his discharge therefrom by reason of disability or disease contracted while in the service, or third, after his discharge at the expiration of his term of service, but in consequence of disease or injury contracted or received in the service and existing at the time of his discharge: *provided*, that no sum shall be so applied for a period of more than one year, or after the payment to the family and dependents of such person, or either of them, of any sums under the pension act of the United States passed July fourteenth, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and *provided, further*, that they were entitled to such aid prior to his decease or discharge.

Having died after muster into army or navy.

Provisos.

Fifth. Who may have been disabled while in the service of the United States, as aforesaid, and discharged from said service by reason of such disability, or by reason of the expiration of his term of service: *provided*, that said disability was contracted in or caused by said service, and existed at the time of discharge, thereby rendering said person unable to provide for those dependent upon him; and, *pro-*

Discharged for disability.

Provisos.

vided, also, that no sums shall be so applied for a period of more than one year, or after the payment to the family and dependents of such person, or either of them, of any sums under the pension act of the United States, passed July fourteenth, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and *provided, further*, that they were entitled to such aid prior to his discharge.

Foregoing to apply to citizens of Mass. enlisted in other states, and those transferred from R. I. by boundary.

SECTION 2. The foregoing provisions relating to state aid shall apply equally to those persons who enlisted as a part of the quota of any other state prior to the eighteenth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, if, at the time of enlistment, they were inhabitants of any town or city in this Commonwealth, and to those also who, although not inhabitants of this Commonwealth at the time of their enlistment and muster into the military or naval service of the United States, have become such by the establishment of the boundary line between this Commonwealth and the state of Rhode Island.

State to reimburse town, not exceeding \$12 per month for dependents of person.

SECTION 3. Of the sums applied, as aforesaid, there shall be annually reimbursed from the treasury of the Commonwealth to the town or city so applying the same, a sum not exceeding one dollar per week for the wife, and one dollar per week for each child and parent to whom aid is furnished: *provided*, that the whole sum so reimbursed shall not exceed twelve dollars per month for all such persons dependent upon any individual at the time he was or shall be duly enlisted and mustered or drafted into the military or naval service of the United States; including herein the wife of any such individual married, and any child of such individual born, after such enlisting and mustering or drafting; and *provided, also*, that no such reimbursement shall be made of money applied for the aid of any wife, child or parent aforesaid, of any commissioned officer in said volunteer service, nor for the aid of any person dependent upon any volunteer from this Commonwealth, enlisted into regiments of any other state, who receive aid from such other state.

Provisos.

Annual report of municipality to be made on fifth Jan. to auditor of Commonwealth.

SECTION 4. On or before the fifth day of January in each year, there shall be deposited in the office of the auditor of the Commonwealth, by each town and city raising and applying money, as aforesaid, a full and particular report, setting forth the names of the soldiers and sailors, for the aid of whose families money has been applied as aforesaid, the names and ages of the several persons for the aid of whom money has been applied as aforesaid, the relation such persons severally bear to such soldiers or sailors, the sums paid to each of such persons, and the time when the same were

paid. And no reimbursement shall be made from the treasury of the Commonwealth to such town or city, as herein before provided, until such report has been sworn to by a majority of the selectmen of such town, or the mayor and a majority of the aldermen of such city, deposited as aforesaid, and carefully examined, scrutinized and approved by said auditor.

Must be sworn by officers making and approved by auditor.

SECTION 5. All the laws now in force in aid of the families of volunteers and drafted men, may be so construed as to authorize the payment of aid retroactively, so as to include any aid to which any person might have been entitled if seasonably applied for, prior to the application for the same: *provided, however*, that such retroactive payment shall not extend beyond the period of six months prior to said application.

Laws may be construed retroactively for aid six months.

SECTION 6. Chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one; chapter sixty-six, chapter one hundred and fifty-one, and chapter one hundred and sixty-six, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two; chapter seventy-nine, and chapter one hundred and seventy-six, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three; sections one and two of chapter one hundred and forty-three, and chapter forty-seven, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are hereby repealed: *provided*, that this act shall affect no acts or doings of any city or town which have been legalized by any provisions of the foregoing chapters.

Acts of '61, '62, '63, and sections of '64, repealed.

Proviso.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 13, 1865.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTS DONE BY JOSEPH RUSSELL BRADFORD, AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Chap. 233

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. All acts done by Joseph Russell Bradford, of Boston, esquire, as a justice of the peace within and for the county of Suffolk, between the thirtieth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two and the third day of May in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, are hereby made valid and confirmed to the same extent as they would have been valid had he been during the interval duly qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

Acts of 30th Oct. '62, to 3d May '63, confirmed.

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

Approved May 13, 1865.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTORS OF TAXES BY SELECTMEN.

Chap. 234

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. When a collector fails to give the bond required by section seventy-two of chapter eighteen of the

Collector failing to give bond. G. S. ch. 18, § 72.