

HOUSE No. 1012

By Mr. Williams of Concord, petition of David B. Williams for legislation to provide annuities for certain paraplegic veterans. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING ANNUITIES FOR CERTAIN PARAPLEGIC VETERANS.

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

1 Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 6B, inserted by chapter 660
3 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:—

5 *Section 6B.* In addition to any other aid to which a
6 veteran is entitled, a veteran who is suffering from
7 paraplegia and has permanent paralysis of both legs
8 and lower parts of the body shall be paid, so long as
9 such permanent paralysis exists, the sum of five
10 hundred dollars annually in monthly payments.
11 Such payments shall be due and payable from the
12 date of his application. This section shall not include
13 paraplegia resulting from locomotor ataxia and other
14 forms of syphilis of the central nervous system,
15 chronic alcoholism, malaria, anemia, other forms of
16 disease, tumors, or poisoning which may produce
17 signs and symptoms similar to those resulting from
18 traumatic paraplegia.

