

Payment of premiums for certain group insurance by retired members of the teachers' retirement system.

ment of any right in or to any funds, annuities, pensions or retirement allowances under any system shall be valid except such assignment as may be made for the purpose of making restitution in the case of dereliction of duty by any member as set forth in section fifteen, and except such assignment made in writing by a retired member, authorizing the board to withhold each month such amount as he may designate for the payment of subscriber premium applicable to an hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance, or to a life insurance, in effect with a non-profit hospital and medical service corporation or insurance company at the time of his retirement. No assignment shall be permitted in the case of a retired member of the teachers' retirement system for the payment of the monthly premium for an insurance policy issued under chapter thirty-two B. Such premium payments, for coverage after retirement, shall be paid by the retired member to the treasurer of the governmental unit to which the group policy under which the member is insured was issued, in accordance with such requirements as such treasurer may prescribe. *Approved August 11, 1956.*

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS' BENEFITS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 115, § 1, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. The definition of "Veteran" in section 1 of chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "inclusive", in line 7 of clause (d), as appearing in section 4 of chapter 688 of the acts of 1954, the following clause: — ; or (e) meets all the requirements of said clause Forty-third, except that instead of performing wartime service as so defined he is entitled to any of the following campaign badges: — First Nicaraguan, Haitian, Dominican, Yangtze River, Second Yangtze River, Second Nicaraguan, Vera Cruz, Mexican Service; provided, that in any case the service of such person was credited to Massachusetts, or such person has a settlement in the commonwealth.

"Veteran" defined for purposes of soldiers' relief.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 115, § 1A, etc., repealed.

SECTION 2. Section one A of said chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, as inserted by section thirty-six of chapter six hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 41 of chapter 627 of the acts of 1954, as amended by section 1 of chapter 708 of the acts of 1955, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "privileges", in line 7, the following: — and no person actually receiving veterans' benefits or hospital benefits or treatment on or before June ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty-four shall be deprived of such benefits because of the provisions of this act. *Approved August 11, 1956.*