

HOUSE No. 1430

By Mr. Parenzo of Westfield, petition of Anthony F. Bovino that provision be made for payment by the Commonwealth of annuities to certain disabled war veterans. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF ANNUITIES TO CERTAIN DISABLED WAR 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 SECTION 1. As used in this section and in sections
2 two and three, the word "veteran" means any person
3 who served in the military or naval forces of the
4 United States during any war in which the United
5 States was engaged, who was a resident of this com-
6 monwealth at the time he was inducted into such
7 forces and whose discharge or release therefrom was
8 other than dishonorable, and who has continued to be
9 a resident of this commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. In addition to any other aid to which
2 a veteran is entitled, a veteran who is suffering from
3 the loss of or the loss of use of an eye, hand or foot,
4 sustained through enemy action, or accident while in

5 such military or naval service, shall be paid the sum
6 of five hundred dollars annually in monthly payments.
7 Such payments shall be due and payable from the date
8 of his application.

1 SECTION 3. Evidence of the service and disability
2 mentioned in sections one and two shall be furnished
3 to the commissioner of veterans' services, who shall
4 examine the same, and, upon being satisfied that the
5 service was performed and the veteran has suffered
6 the loss referred to in section two, shall so certify to
7 the comptroller, whereupon said annuity shall be paid
8 by the commonwealth, subject to appropriation, from
9 the veterans' services fund.