

By Mr. Cawley of Boston, petition of Robert L. Cawley that cities and towns be required to appoint full-time veterans' agents for the disbursement of veterans' benefits and providing for the appointment of a single agent by two or more towns. Military Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES AND TOWNS TO HAVE FULL-TIME VETERANS' AGENTS FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINGLE AGENT BY TWO OR MORE TOWNS.

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 3 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in section 1, chapter 584, of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended
3 by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The mayor of each city except Boston, and the selectmen of
6 each town shall, annually in April, appoint a veterans' agent
7 to act for him or them in the disbursement of veterans' bene-
8 fits by such city or town. Such full time agent shall devote full
9 time to the duties of his office. Two or more contiguous towns
10 may, by vote of the selectmen, appoint one person to serve as
11 veterans' agent for such towns and may apportion the payment
12 of compensation among such towns. No almoner or member of
13 a local board of public welfare, or officer performing similar
14 duties, or any agent of them, shall be so appointed; but this
15 section shall not be construed as prohibiting selectmen who are
16 also members of the local board of public welfare from acting
17 in their capacity as selectmen to administer the provisions of
18 this chapter.

