

By Mr. Hays of Waltham, petition of Paul L. Jones and others for legislation relative to the retirement after twenty years service of veterans in the service of the Commonwealth, counties, cities or districts. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS SERVICE OF VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

*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 58 of chapter 32 of the General Laws (Ter-  
2 centenary Edition) is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the word "thirty" in the third line and inserting  
4 therein the word: — twenty, so as to read as follows: —  
5 *Section 58.* A veteran who has been in the service of  
6 the commonwealth, or of any county, city, or district,  
7 for a total period of twenty years, shall, at his own  
8 request, with the approval of the retiring authority,  
9 be retired from active service at one half of the highest  
10 regular rate of compensation, including any mainte-  
11 nance allowance, payable to him while he was holding  
12 the grade held by him at his retirement, and payable  
13 from the same source.

