

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2562

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 31, 1949.

The committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 290) of William T. Shinnick and another that provision be made for the annual appointment in cities and towns of a veterans' agent to disburse veterans' benefits, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1394) of the Massachusetts Veterans Services Officers Association and others for legislation relative to amendments of the laws relating to veterans' benefits, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1789) of Richard A. Plunkett, Fred C. Harrington and others for legislation relative to veterans' benefits, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2562).

For the committee,

MALCOLM S. WHITE.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CASES.

*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 5 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended by section 2 of chapter 535 of the acts of  
3 1948, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
4 last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following: —

6 Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prohibit  
7 the granting of veterans' benefits by a city or town in  
8 excess of the amount authorized or approved by the  
9 commissioner in any particular case, or the paying  
10 of such benefits as may be necessary to meet the  
11 emergency needs of any applicant prior to the date  
12 of the approval by the commissioner of the payment  
13 of benefits under any such application if the veterans'  
14 agent making such grant or payment forthwith  
15 furnishes the commissioner with a written statement  
16 of his reasons for taking such action.