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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1863.

The Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the "Bill to preserve a Record of our Soldiers and Officers in the Military and of our Seamen and Officers in the Naval Service during the Rebellion," report that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Per order,

M. S. UNDERWOOD.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-  
Three.

### AN ACT

To preserve a Record of our Soldiers and Officers in the  
Military, and of our Seamen and Officers in the Naval  
Service during the Rebellion.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of  
the same, as follows:—*

1    SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the mayor and  
2 aldermen of the several cities, and the selectmen of  
3 the several towns in this Commonwealth, on or before  
4 the first day of July, in the year eighteen hundred  
5 and sixty-three, to appoint some suitable person, and  
6 fix his compensation therefor, whose duty it shall be  
7 to make a full and complete record of the names,  
8 time, and place of birth, previous occupation, and  
9 whether married or single, of all the soldiers and  
10 officers who compose his town's quota of the troops  
11 furnished by the Commonwealth to the United States

12 during the present rebellion; stating the time of  
13 enlistment of each, and the number and designation  
14 of his regiment and company; also, the names of all  
15 who have resigned, or been discharged, and at what  
16 time, and for what cause; and all who have died in  
17 the service, and stating, when practicable, at what  
18 time and place, and the cause of death, whether by  
19 disease, accident, or on the field of battle; and the  
20 promotions of officers, and from the ranks, and the  
21 date thereof; and the name of all deserters, if any;  
22 and all such other facts as may relate strictly to the  
23 military career of each officer and soldier.

1     SECT. 2. The person so appointed shall also keep,  
2 in another book, a full and complete record of the  
3 names of all seamen and officers, residents of such  
4 cities and towns, engaged in the naval service of the  
5 United States during the present rebellion, which  
6 record shall state the time and place of his birth, the  
7 date at which he entered such service, his previous  
8 occupation, whether he was married or single, the  
9 vessel or vessels on which he served, the battles or  
10 kind of service in which he was engaged; whether  
11 he resigned, or was discharged; or deserted, and the  
12 date of such resignation, discharge or desertion; the  
13 cause of such discharge or resignation; his promo-  
14 tions and the dates; occasions and nature of the  
15 same; and if he died in the service it shall state the  
16 date and cause of his death; and such record shall  
17 contain any and all such other facts, as relate to the  
18 naval career of such seaman or officers during such  
19 rebellion.

1   SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the adjutant-gen-  
2 eral of the Commonwealth, to prepare suitable blank  
3 books, in conformity with the requirements of this  
4 act, with proper blanks for marginal notes, and  
5 furnish the same to the several cities and towns at  
6 cost, on the application of the person appointed to  
7 make the aforesaid record.

1   SECT. 4. All the expenses incurred in making  
2 said records, with the cost of the record books, shall  
3 be paid by the several cities and towns, and the records  
4 when completed shall be deposited and kept in the  
5 city and town clerk's office.

1   SECT. 5. Chapter sixty-five of the acts of this  
2 general court, approved March seventh, eighteen  
3 hundred and sixty-three, entitled an act "To preserve  
4 a Record of our Soldiers and Officers," is hereby  
5 repealed.

1   SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.