

# SENATE . . . . No. 446

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To accompany the petition of Robert T. Capeless, mayor of Pittsfield, and William J. Hurley, chairman, Pittsfield Housing Authority, for legislation to authorize said city to use certain park, playground or recreation property for veterans' housing purposes. Cities.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO USE CERTAIN PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION PROPERTY THEREIN FOR THE PROVISION OF SHELTER FOR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

*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. The city of Pittsfield, being the present  
2 owner of the premises which were conveyed to it by  
3 Charles H. Wilson by quitclaim deed dated September  
4 fifteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and re-  
5 corded in the Berkshire County Middle District  
6 Registry of Deeds in said Pittsfield in Book 483, page  
7 416, which said premises were accepted and received  
8 by said city of Pittsfield for the purpose of making use  
9 thereof as a park, playground or recreation center,  
10 and which said premises are more particularly de-  
11 scribed in said deed as follows: —

12 “Lots number 17 and 18 on Plan of Taconic Prop-  
13 erty of James and E. H. Wilson, Inc., which plan is

14 recorded in the Berkshire County Middle District  
15 Registry of Deeds, Book 417, pages 104 and 105", is  
16 hereby authorized, permitted and empowered to use  
17 the whole or any part of the said premises for any or  
18 all of the following purposes: —

19 (a) For the purpose of providing shelter for veterans  
20 of World War II who are inhabitants of said city of  
21 Pittsfield by any or all of the means, manners or  
22 methods authorized, permitted or provided for in  
23 section six of chapter three hundred and seventy-  
24 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six, as  
25 amended by chapter four hundred and seventy-nine  
26 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven;

27 (b) For the purpose of providing shelter for veterans  
28 of World War II who are inhabitants of said city of  
29 Pittsfield by any or all of the means, manners or  
30 methods authorized, permitted or provided for in  
31 section four (d) of chapter three hundred and seventy-  
32 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six;

33 (c) For the purpose of providing shelter for veterans  
34 of World War II who are inhabitants of said city of  
35 Pittsfield, by any or all of the means, manners or  
36 methods authorized, permitted or provided for by  
37 chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of  
38 nineteen hundred and forty-six, as amended by  
39 chapter four hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of  
40 nineteen hundred and forty-seven, or as hereafter  
41 amended;

42 (d) For the purpose of providing shelter for veterans  
43 of World War II who are inhabitants of said city of  
44 Pittsfield by any of the means, manners or methods  
45 now or hereafter authorized, permitted or provided for  
46 by law; and

47 (e) For the purpose of laying out, widening, alter-  
48 ing or relocating any public way necessary or incident

49 to the provision of such shelter for veterans of World  
50 War II who are inhabitants of the said city of Pitts-  
51 field; notwithstanding the provisions of General  
52 Laws, chapter seventy-nine, section five.

1 SECTION 2. The said city of Pittsfield is further  
2 authorized, permitted and empowered, for the fore-  
3 going purposes, to acquire by purchase or to take by  
4 eminent domain, under chapter seventy-nine of the  
5 General Laws, any and all outstanding right, title or  
6 interest in said land of whatever nature or description,  
7 including any condition subsequent, right of reverter,  
8 restriction or condition attached thereto or affecting  
9 the same.

1 SECTION 3. In this act, the word "Veteran" shall  
2 mean a man or woman who served in the army or navy  
3 of the United States at any time on or after December  
4 seventh, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and before  
5 the conclusion of World War II, and has been sepa-  
6 rated therefrom under conditions other than dis-  
7 honorable. The word shall also include the widow or  
8 the mother of a man who so served and who died while  
9 in such service and the wife of a man who is still  
10 serving in said army or navy. The word shall also  
11 include any other person or persons who shall or may  
12 be included within any meaning or definition thereof  
13 which may hereafter be adopted in amendment of,  
14 substitution for, or addition to the meaning or defi-  
15 nition thereof as now contained in section three of said  
16 chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts  
17 of nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

The first part of the history is a general account of the country and its inhabitants. It describes the various tribes and their customs, and the progress of civilization in the region. The second part is a detailed account of the discovery of the country by the Europeans, and the establishment of the first colonies. It describes the struggles of the early settlers, and the growth of the colonies into a powerful nation. The third part is a history of the various wars and conflicts that have taken place in the region, and the role of the United States in the world. The fourth part is a history of the various states and territories that have been formed in the region, and the progress of the Union. The fifth part is a history of the various cities and towns that have been founded in the region, and the progress of commerce and industry. The sixth part is a history of the various religions and sects that have been introduced into the region, and the progress of education and science. The seventh part is a history of the various arts and sciences that have been discovered in the region, and the progress of the human mind. The eighth part is a history of the various languages and dialects that have been spoken in the region, and the progress of literature and art. The ninth part is a history of the various customs and traditions that have been preserved in the region, and the progress of the human race. The tenth part is a history of the various events and incidents that have taken place in the region, and the progress of the world.