

HOUSE No. 744

By Mr. Balthazar of Hudson, petition of the Ralph E. and John W. Manning Post 1027, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Wilfred E. Balthazar and others for legislation to authorize the issuance to persons in the military or naval service of the United States of special certificates entitling them to hunt and fish. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE TO PERSONS IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF SPECIAL CERTIFICATES ENTITLING THEM TO HUNT AND FISH.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to grant forthwith to
3 persons in the military or naval service of the United States
4 certain privileges with respect to hunting and fishing,
5 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law,
6 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 convenience.

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. In lieu of the license required under section
2 eight of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General
3 Laws, a person in the military or naval service of the United
4 States may be granted a special certificate entitling him to
5 hunt any bird or mammal within the commonwealth, or to
6 fish in any of the inland waters of the commonwealth, which
7 certificate the director of the division of fisheries and game in
8 the department of natural resources and the clerk of any city
9 or town are hereby authorized to issue, and the holder of such
10 certificate shall have the same rights and privileges and be
11 subject to the same duties as if he held a sporting license.

12 Such certificate shall be in the form prescribed upon a blank
13 furnished by said division of fisheries and game, and shall
14 continue in force until December thirty-first in the year when
15 granted notwithstanding that the holder of such special
16 certificate terminates his military or naval service prior to
17 said date. In case of residents of the commonwealth no fee
18 shall be charged for such certificate, and in case of non-
19 residents a fee of two dollars shall be charged therefor.

1 SECTION 2. The treasurer of the commonwealth shall
2 annually make to the Inland Fish and Game Fund a transfer
3 of an amount equal to the amount of fees which otherwise
4 would have been collected and turned over to said fund.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall cease to be in effect on January
2 first, nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.