

By Mr. Serra of Boston, petition of Emanuel G. Serra that wartime service in the armed forces be considered as creditable service under the contributory retirement law. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO WARTIME SERVICE IN ARMED FORCES AS CREDITABLE SERVICE TOWARD THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

*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 58A of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amend-  
2 ed by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by  
3 section 14 of chapter 393 of the acts of 1978, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 A veteran eligible to retirement under section fifty-six, fifty-  
6 seven, or fifty-eight, who was employed in the service of the com-  
7 monwealth, or any county, city, town or district or any housing  
8 authority or any redevelopment authority thereof, prior to his  
9 entry into wartime service as defined in section one of chapter  
10 thirty-one, and upon whose discharge or release therefrom was  
11 reinstated or reemployed within two years in his former position or  
12 in a similar position or when employed in any governmental unit in  
13 a position which is subject to the provisions of sections one to  
14 twenty-eight, inclusive, shall have credited to him as creditable  
15 service the period of his wartime service until the date of his  
16 discharge or release from such service, which shall include credit  
17 for any actual service in the armed forces between January first,  
18 nineteen hundred and forty and July first, nineteen hundred and  
19 sixty-six provided, however, that such service shall not be  
20 construed to include service for more than four years unless such  
21 further period of service in excess of four years was involuntary  
22 service required by the government of the United States or unless

23 such service in excess of four years was rendered prior to July first,  
24 nineteen hundred and sixty-six and such veteran was reinstated or  
25 reemployed on or before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and  
26 sixty-six.