

HOUSE No. 1978

By Mr. Hodder of Framingham, petition of John E. Corbett and J. Alan Hodder for legislation relative to the issuance of special licenses to certain veterans' organizations to sell flags, badges, medals and other souvenirs. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSES TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS OF VETERANS.

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 33 of chapter 101 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
4 The board of public welfare in any city or the select-
5 men in any town may, under such conditions as they
6 may deem proper, grant to any organization engaged
7 exclusively in charitable work, and the veterans' agent
8 in any city or town may, under such conditions as he
9 may deem proper, grant to a post of any incorporated
10 organization of veterans who served in the military or
11 naval service of the United States in time of war or
12 insurrection, a special license authorizing it, upon a
13 particular day and for a charitable purpose named in
14 such license, to sell, through its accredited agents in
15 the streets and other public places within such city

16 or town, or in any designated part thereof, flags,
17 badges, medals, buttons, flowers, souvenirs and similar
18 small articles; provided, that no person under sixteen
19 years of age shall be accredited as such agent, that
20 each agent shall wear in plain sight while engaged in
21 selling such articles a badge, provided by such or-
22 ganization or post and approved by the authority
23 issuing the license, bearing upon it the name of such
24 organization or post and the date on which the license
25 is to be exercised, and that no such agent shall be
26 authorized to make or attempt to make such sales in
27 front of any private premises against the objection of
28 the owner or occupant thereof.