

MESSAGE RELATIVE TO PREFERENCE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE TO VETERANS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, February 27, 1919.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

It has been a long-established policy of this Commonwealth to give a preference in the civil service to those who have served our country in time of war. Everybody is desirous of recognizing this principle, but there is considerable difficulty in drawing a bill which will meet the requirements of safeguarding the public service while giving a preference to veterans. I have had prepared a bill which it is hoped will meet these requirements, which is herewith submitted. It is desirable that proper action should be embodied in one piece of legislation to meet the requirements of the present and the future, and take care of the veterans of all our wars.

I earnestly recommend that legislation in accordance with this bill be passed, in order to give such preference as is required to veterans who may hereafter seek to enter the public service in this Commonwealth.

For legislation see General Acts, 1919, chapter 150.