

SENATE No. 1856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act in favor of William J. Gormley..

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. That for the purpose of discharging a moral obligation of the
2 commonwealth, and after an appropriation has been made thereof, there shall be allowed and
3 paid out of the state treasury to Colonel William J. Gormley, III, Massachusetts National Guard,
4 the sum of \$44,983.12 for legal expenses incurred by him in defending himself against a civil
5 complaint initiated by former Adjunct General Raymond A. Vezina. Said civil complaint having
6 been subsequently withdrawn after evidence demonstrated that Colonel Gormley acted property
7 and in good faith in executing his duties and responsibilities as a member of the Massachusetts
8 Militia.