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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geoff Diehl

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to certain benefits to veterans and their surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2544) of Geoff Diehl and others for legislation to provide certain tax abatements to veterans and their surviving spouses. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *3417* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to certain benefits to veterans and their surviving spouses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause Twenty-second C the following clause:-

Twenty-second D. Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the commonwealth who are veterans as defined in clause forty-three of section seven of chapter four, a disabled veteran or his surviving spouse and the surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty that receives benefits in chapter 58 or this chapter may transfer or convey his residence or domicile, to which the disabled veteran or his surviving spouse and surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty has assigned the benefit of the tax abatement listed under said chapter 58 or this chapter to a trust or conservatorship or other legal instrument passing ownership to his legal heirs or trustees, such disabled veteran or his surviving spouse and the surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty, the trust or conservators shall be entitled to lawfully retain that formerly granted tax abatement to the residence or domicile until the death of the disabled veteran or his surviving spouse or the death of the surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty, providing that the aforementioned remain residing in said residence or domicile until their death.