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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. McGee

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide retirement benefits for veterans..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Kevin J. Murphy	*18th Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Katherine M. Clark	*Fifth Middlesex*
Robert F. Fennell	*10th Essex*
Eileen M. Donoghue	*First Middlesex*
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Thomas P. Kennedy	*Second Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1249) of Thomas M. McGee, James R. Miceli, Carlo Basile, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide retirement benefits for veterans. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1330* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to provide retirement benefits for veterans..

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, any retired member of a retirement system, who is a veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States and who retired prior to July 24, 1996 shall be entitled to have his retirement allowance recalculated based upon additional credit for active service in the armed services to the United States. Such creditable service shall not be construed to include service for more than four years provided further, that such creditable shall not be allowed for any period of active service for which said veteran has received credit pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws or for which said veteran receives a federal military pension and provided further, that the amount does not exceed the eighty percent allowed to retire. This act shall apply to Massachusetts National Guard and Active Reserve personnel, both former and present. Creditable service time, both enlisted and commissioned may be applied toward retirement on a ratio of five years guard service or five years active reserve service substitutable for each year of active service.

SECTION 2. For the retirement system of any political subdivision, the provisions of this act shall take effect on the effective date of this act by majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the purposes of this paragraph local Legislative body shall mean a town meeting for a town system, the city council subject to the provisions of its charter

18 for a city system, the county commissioners for a county system, the district members for a
19 district system and the governing body of an authority for an authority system. Acceptance shall
20 be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a certification of 160 Chapter 71 such vote with
21 the commissioner. Members retired prior to July 24, 1996 of a retirement system eligible for said
22 creditable service under this act shall become eligible for said creditable service the month
23 following the acceptance of this act by the local legislative body. Terms used in this act shall
24 have the same meaning as those terms defined in section one of chapter thirty-two of the General
25 Laws.