

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1641**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John C. Velis***

*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 relative to the false representation of military status.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1641) of John C. Velis and others relative to the false representation of military status. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to the false representation of military status.

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

1           1. A person commits the crime of stolen valor if he or she knowingly, with the intent to  
2 obtain money, property or another tangible benefit:

3           (a) Fraudulently represents himself or herself to be an active member or veteran of  
4 the United States Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, including armed forces  
5 reserves and National Guard through the unauthorized manufacture, sale, or use of military  
6 regalia or gear, including the wearing of military uniforms, or the use of falsified military  
7 identification; and obtains money, property or another tangible benefit through such fraudulent  
8 representation.

9           (b) Fraudulently represents himself or herself to be a recipient of the Congressional  
10 Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Purple  
11 Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat

12 Action Ribbon or Air Force Combat Action Medal; and obtains money, property or another  
13 tangible benefit through such fraudulent representation; or

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15           2. A person who commits the crime of stolen valor is guilty of a gross misdemeanor  
16 and shall be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 1 year or by a  
17 fine of \$1,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.