

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3131**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul Brodeur***

*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 veterans’ survivor benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3131) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to scholarship programs for children of veterans and public officers. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to veterans’ survivor benefits.

*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: Chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out Paragraph 9 of Section 26,  
2 as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 There shall be a Public Service Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to children  
4 and widowed spouses of Massachusetts police officers, firefighters and correction officers, who  
5 are killed or die from injuries received while in the performance of duties including authorized  
6 training duty; to children of prisoners of war or military or service persons missing in action  
7 whose wartime service is credited to the commonwealth; and to the children of veterans whose  
8 service was credited to the commonwealth and who were killed in action or otherwise died as a  
9 result of such service. Such scholarships shall be awarded by the council pursuant to its  
10 guidelines established to govern this program and shall go to those persons referenced above  
11 who are admitted to an institution of higher education in the commonwealth to pursue

- 12 undergraduate studies. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, a waiver of mandatory
- 13 fees.