

HOUSE No. 3285

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald A. Parisella

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 veteran allowance for public retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3285) of Jerald A. Parisella and others for legislation to authorize an additional veterans retirement allowance for certain public retirees. Public Service.

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

An Act relative to the veteran allowance for public retirees.

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. Subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out paragraph (b), as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in
3 place thereof the following 2 paragraphs:-

4 (b) Any member of Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 4, who is a veteran as defined in
5 section 1, shall receive an additional yearly retirement allowance of \$15 or, upon acceptance of
6 paragraph (b 1I 2), \$50 for each year of creditable service or fraction thereof; provided, that the
7 total amount of said additional retirement allowance shall not exceed \$300 or, upon acceptance
8 of paragraph (b 1I 2), \$1,000.

9 (b 1I 2) Upon acceptance of this paragraph by a retirement system, any member of Group
10 1 or Group 2 or Group 4, who is a veteran as defined in section 1, shall receive, in lieu of
11 paragraph (b), an additional yearly allowance of \$50 for each year of creditable service or
12 fraction thereof; provided, that the total amount of said additional retirement allowance shall not

13 exceed \$1,000 in any case. Acceptance of teachers' and state employees' retirement systems shall
14 constitute an acceptance of this paragraph.

15 SECTION 2. Section 26 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
16 striking out, in line 124, the figure "\$15" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
17 \$50.

18 SECTION 3. Said section 26 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further
19 amended by striking out, in line 126, the figure "\$300" and inserting in place thereof the
20 following figure:- \$1,000.

21 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall be prospective from the effective date of this
22 act and shall not entitle a member who is entitled to the benefits provided in this act to any
23 retroactive benefits.