HOUSE No. 4007

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur and 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 reducing barriers to employment for returning armed forces members.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:	
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	2/28/2012	
Jerald A. Parisella	6th Essex	3/6/2012	
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	2/28/2012	
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable	2/28/2012	
Richard Bastien	2nd Worcester	2/28/2012	
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol	2/28/2012	
Michael F. Kane	5th Hampden	2/28/2012	
Jason M. Lewis	31st Middlesex	2/28/2012	
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	2/28/2012	
Christopher M. Markey	9th Bristol	2/28/2012	
Paul A. Schmid, III	8th Bristol	2/28/2012	
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	2/28/2012	
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	2/28/2012	
William M. Straus	10th Bristol	2/28/2012	
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	2/28/2012	
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth	2/28/2012	
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	2/28/2012	
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/28/2012	

Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk	2/29/2012	
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	2/29/2012 2/29/2012	
Paul Adams	17th Essex		
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	2/29/2012	
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth	2/29/2012	
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	2/29/2012	
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	2/29/2012	
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	2/29/2012	
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	2/29/2012	
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	2/29/2012	
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	2/29/2012	
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	2/29/2012	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	2/29/2012	
Daniel B. Winslow	9th Norfolk	2/29/2012	
John J. Mahoney	13th Worcester	2/29/2012 2/29/2012	
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex		
Michael J. Finn	6th Hampden	3/1/2012	
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	3/5/2012	
Anthony W. Petruccelli		3/5/2012	
James E. Timilty		3/5/2012	
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth	3/5/2012	
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	3/5/2012	
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	3/6/2012	
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	3/5/2012	
Denise Andrews	2nd Franklin	3/5/2012	
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol	3/5/2012	
John D. Keenan	7th Essex	3/6/2012	
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester	3/6/2012	
Susan C. Fargo		3/6/2012	
Daniel A. Wolf		3/6/2012	
Katherine M. Clark	Fifth Middlesex	3/7/2012	
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex	3/7/2012	
Matthew A. Beaton	11th Worcester	3/7/2012	

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By Messrs. Brodeur of Melrose and Parisella, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) (accompanied by bill, House, No. [BILL NUMBER]) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to employment for members of the armed forces returning from active duty. House Rules.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An act reducing barriers to employment for returning armed forces members.

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

Global fee waiver of any fee under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Administration and

Finance:

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3 SECTION 1. Section 3B of chapter 7 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2010

4 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "function", in line 39, the

5 following words:-; provided, that the secretary of administration shall provide for a waiver of

6 payment of any such amount constituting an entry fee for any board of registration and

examination under the general laws or for other professional licensure for any veteran as defined

by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for

waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or

armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the

purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency; provided, however, that such waiver

shall not include any board listed in subsection (a) of section 9 of chapter 13; and.

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SECTION 2. Section 11W of chapter 23 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "director", in line 6, the following words:-; provided, however, that such fee shall be waived for any veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency.

SECTION 3. Said section 11W of said chapter 23, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "sponsor", in line 9, the following words:-; provided, however, that such fee shall be waived for any veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency.

Waiver for those fees not under the Executive's discretion:

SECTION 4. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 65, the following section:-

Section 65A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3B of chapter 7, each board that regulates persons licensed, certified, or registered pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9 of chapter 13 or any such implementing provision in this chapter applicable to such board of registration and examination shall exempt such licensed, certified, or registered individuals who

are veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency from the payment of any professional or occupational license, certification, or registration fees, including renewal fees, and from any continuing education or professional competency requirements for a renewal cycle that falls within the period of service or within the 6 months following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency. Veterans or aArmed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war,

emergency, or contingency that are applying for a license, certification, or registration for the first time shall be exempt from the initial licensing fee provided that they make application within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency.