

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 972**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

*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 veteran's annuity benefits for surviving spouses..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 972) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to veteran annuity benefits for surviving spouses of veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3403 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to veteran's annuity benefits for surviving spouses..

*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. Section 6B of Chapter 115, as so appearing in the Massachusetts General  
2 Laws 2004, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3 The surviving spouse of a veteran, who is currently not married, who is in receipt  
4 of Dependency Indemnity Compensation from the Veterans Administration, and whose veteran-  
5 spouse served in active service of the armed forces of the United States, shall be paid the sum of  
6 \$2,000 annually in two equal payments on August 1 and February 1. Such payments shall be  
7 due and payable from the date of said spouses' application.