

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1367**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 definition of a veteran for public retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	

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By Mr. Ross, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1367) of Tarr, Knapik, Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the definition of a veteran for public retirees [Joint Committee on Public Service].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1021 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the definition of a veteran 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. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General  
2   Laws is hereby amended by inserting, at the end thereof, the following new sentences:- Upon  
3   acceptance of this provision by a retirement system, any member who is a veteran, as defined by  
4   clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 116 of the acts of  
5   2004, and who retired under the provisions of sections 5, 10 (1) and 26 (3) of this chapter, before  
6   the effective date of said chapter 116, without receiving the additional yearly allowance as a  
7   veteran provided therein, shall receive such additional yearly allowance as a veteran under  
8   paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 5 or paragraph (c) of subdivision (3) of section 26 of  
9   this chapter, whichever is applicable. Acceptance of this provision by a retirement system shall  
10   be by a majority vote of the board of each such system, subject to the approval of the legislative  
11   body. For the purposes herein, "legislative body" shall mean: in the case of a city, the city

12 council in accordance with its charter; in the case of a town, the town meeting; in the case of a  
13 county, the county retirement board advisory council; in the case of a region, the regional  
14 retirement board advisory council; in the case of a district, the district members; and, in the case  
15 of an authority, the governing body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the  
16 filing of a certification of such votes with the commission. For purposes herein, the state  
17 teachers' and state employees' retirement systems shall be deemed to have accepted this  
18 provision.