

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1818**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Hart, Jr.***

*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 fuel and shelter benefits for veterans..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John Hart, Jr.</i>	
<i>James T. Welch</i>	
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	
<i>Steven M. Walsh</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1818**

---

---

By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1818) of John Hart, Jr., James T. Welch, David T. Vieira, James M. Cantwell and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to fuel and shelter benefits for veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

---

---

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1998 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act relative to fuel and shelter benefits for veterans..

*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 115, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official edition is hereby amended by striking out paragraph eight and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following paragraphs: --

4 The benefits provided herein shall include an amount for “Shelter” not to fall below \$600  
5 per month for eligible veterans and dependents who do not pay their own heating costs.

6 The benefits provided herein shall include an amount for “Shelter” not to fall below \$500  
7 per month for eligible veterans and dependents who pay their own heating costs.