SENATE No. 1824

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 burial benefits of veterans..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John Hart, Jr.	
Michael O. Moore	
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk
James T. Welch	

SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1282 FILED ON: 1/20/2011

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By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1824) of John Hart, Jr., Michael O. Moore, John H. Rogers and James T. Welch relative to burial benefits of veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 3385 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to burial benefits of 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. Section 8 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006

2 Official edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 through 14 and inserting in place

3 thereof the following:-

4 "Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section 7 shall not exceed

5 \$5,000 for the funeral and burial of a person under this chapter, provided that the cost of funeral

6 and burial does not exceed \$6,000 and there are insufficient resources in the estate of such

7 person to pay for the cost of such funeral and burial.

8 Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section 7 shall not exceed 9 \$3,000 for the cremation, funeral and burial of a person under this chapter, provided that the cost

- 10 of the cremation, funeral and burial does not exceed \$4,000 and there are insufficient resources
- 11 in the estate of such person to pay for the cost of such cremation, funeral and burial."