

**SENATE . . . . . No. 575**

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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 access to higher education for veterans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                       | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                     |
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| <i>Richard J. Ross</i>      | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>George T. Ross</i>       | <i>2nd Bristol</i>                    |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i>       | <i>30th Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i>                  |
| <i>Michael R. Knapik</i>    |                                       |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>        |                                       |
| <i>Richard Bastien</i>      | <i>2nd Worcester</i>                  |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>    | <i>8th Middlesex</i>                  |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>           | <i>5th Barnstable</i>                 |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i>        | <i>1st Hampden</i>                    |
| <i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>    | <i>9th Norfolk</i>                    |

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 575) of Richard J. Ross, George T. Ross, James J. Dwyer, Sheila C. Harrington and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow veterans to pay in-state tuition and fees at state or community colleges. Higher Education.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to access to higher education 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. Section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- Notwithstanding any  
3 general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of determining eligibility for in-state  
4 tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education, any individual admitted to such  
5 public institutions of higher education who qualifies as a veteran, as defined in clause 43 of  
6 Section 7 of chapter 4 of the 2008 edition of the Massachusetts General Laws, shall be eligible to  
7 pay in-state tuition rates and fees, immediately upon establishing residency in the  
8 Commonwealth, at the University of Massachusetts, or any state or community college or  
9 university. No person qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under this chapter shall be  
10 denied in-state tuition and fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under this paragraph. An  
11 eligible individual shall provide the University of Massachusetts, or the state or community  
12 college or university, with proof of veteran status.