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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 a tax credit for the hiring of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	*Second Essex and Middlesex*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1336) of Barry R. Finegold, Colleen M. Garry and Marcos A. Devers for legislation relative to a tax credit for the hiring of veterans. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to a tax credit for the hiring 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:

Chapter 63 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 31N the following section: -

Section 31O. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

'Qualified veterans', a Massachusetts resident who: (i) was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, or a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States; (ii) served on active duty in connection with the Vietnam Conflict, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom; (iii) who has provided the taxpayer with documentation showing honorable discharge; and (iv) was initially hired by the taxpayer on or after January 1, 2013.

'Sustained employment', a period of employment that is at least 185 days during a taxable year.

(b) For each taxable year on or after January 1, 2013, each taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the excise due under this chapter in an amount equal to 5%, but in no event to exceed $600, of the gross wages paid by the taxpayer to a qualified veteran in the course of that veteran's sustained employment during the taxable year.

(c) If a taxpayer is subject to a minimum excise under this chapter, the amount of credit allowed shall not reduce the excise to an amount less than the minimum excise.

19 (d) A taxpayer entitled to a credit under this section for any taxable year may carry over
20 and apply to its excise for any 1 or more of the next succeeding 5 taxable years, the portion, as
21 reduced from year to year, of those credits which exceed the excise for the taxable year. The tax
22 credit shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax liability. If there are credits for
23 more than one year that are available to offset a liability, the earlier credit shall be applied first.

24 (e) A taxpayer that has previously been approved to receive a credit under this section
25 shall not be eligible to receive said payment for more than one calendar year. A taxpayer may
26 apply to receive a credit under this section that relates to a different application in the same
27 calendar year or a different application in a different calendar year.