

SENATE No. 2167

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twenty-One

SENATE, March 19, 2014.

The committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1725) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Tackey Chan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to veteran's benefits for surviving spouses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1731) of John Hart, Jr., William C. Galvin, Christopher G. Fallon, John F. Keenan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to shelter benefits for veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1734) of John Hart, Jr. for legislation relative to public housing determination for veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1735) of John Hart, Jr. for legislation to establish a military service scholarship program; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1736) of John Hart, Jr. and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to veteran's discrimination.; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1737) of Thomas M. McGee for legislation to establish the Massachusetts GI bill to provide tuition and fee waivers for National Guard members and veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1738) of Thomas M. McGee for legislation relative to certain benefits for surviving spouses while a surviving child serves in the armed forces; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1739) of Thomas M. McGee for legislation relative to workers compensation for veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1744) of Richard J. Ross, Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to exempt veterans from the payment of fees for use of recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3178) of John J. Binienda and Michael O. Moore that certain disabled veterans be exempt from inland fisheries and game fees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3179) of John J. Binienda and Eugene L. O'Flaherty for legislation to exempt certain decorated veterans from parking meter fines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3184) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to tuition and fee waivers for armed forces reserves; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3197) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. for legislation to authorize the Board of Higher Education to offer and administer free online public higher education courses to veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3201) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to establish a military scholarship program for children, siblings and spouses of certain veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3203) of

Harold P. Naughton, Jr. and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to allocate tax credits for projects sponsored by nonprofits to provide permanent housing for formerly homeless veterans in service-based multifamily property and projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3208) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others that the Division of State Parks and Recreation be directed to issue ParksPass waivers to certain veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3209) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to reimbursements to cities and towns for veterans' benefits expenditures; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3210) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and others relative to veterans' benefits equity for persons discharged from the military based on certain consensual conduct; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3215) of Chris Walsh and others relative to providing veterans' bonuses to certain regular soldiers who served on active duty in support of the Persian Gulf War; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3408) of David M. Nangle and Thomas J. Calter relative to creating a reintegration center for veterans and active military personnel; and the petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Hogan relative to leaves of absences for civil air patrol members, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2167).

For the committee,
Michael F. Rush

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Senate, June 05, 2014.

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be authorized and directed
2 to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 1725, 1731,
3 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, and 1744 and House documents numbered 3178, 3179,
4 3184, 3197, 3201, 3203, 3208, 3209, 3210, 3215, 3408, and 3482 relative to veterans affairs.