

SENATE No. 669

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 to expand veterans survivor benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Jason M. Lewis

Fifth Middlesex

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 669) of Jason M. Lewis and Benjamin Swan for legislation to expand veterans survivor benefits. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to expand veterans survivor benefits.

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 15A is hereby amended by striking out Paragraph 9 of Section 26,
2 as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 There shall be a Public Service Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to children
4 and widowed spouses of Massachusetts police officers, firefighters and correction officers, who
5 are killed or die from injuries received while in the performance of duties including authorized
6 training duty; to children of prisoners of war or military or service persons missing in action
7 whose wartime service is credited to the commonwealth; and to the children of veterans whose
8 service was credited to the commonwealth and who were killed in action or otherwise died as a
9 result of such service. Such scholarships shall be awarded by the council pursuant to its
10 guidelines established to govern this program and shall go to those persons referenced above
11 who are admitted to an institution of higher education in the commonwealth to pursue
12 undergraduate studies. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, a waiver of mandatory
13 fees.