

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1920**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 the cost of veteran higher education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2017</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>

<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1920) of James Arciero and others for legislation to provide a waiver of fees to veterans at public institutions of higher learning. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3126 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the cost of veteran higher education.

*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

2 Section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition  
3 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following words:

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
5 contrary, the commonwealth shall provide a full waiver of fees to all veterans, armed forces  
6 personnel and members of the National Guard at all public institutions of higher learning located  
7 in the commonwealth. The recipient of the fee waiver shall be a Massachusetts resident, and  
8 provided further that for veterans, there shall be no post-service time limitation on the use of said

9 benefit. The waiver recipient may attend full-time or part-time and the benefit may be used for  
10 study at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. This law shall take effect January 1, 2018.