

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2766**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2766) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives 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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 6B of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 30, the following:- Any applications  
3 submitted by an eligible veteran shall be valid until the death of the veteran.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6B of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 38, the following:- The parents and  
6 eligible surviving spouses of veterans shall reapply for said annuity once a calendar year,  
7 provided further that during the first year they apply they shall be eligible to receive the annuity  
8 compensation that they would have been eligible for the year after the death of the veteran.

9 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, any eligible  
10 veterans, parents, or surviving spouses who did not receive an annuity due to failure to apply for  
11 said benefits shall retroactively be eligible to apply for 90 days following enactment of this act.