

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 636**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc T. Lombardo***

*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 tuition for U.S. veterans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>    | <i>22nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>   | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i>    | <i>5th Plymouth</i>   | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i> | <i>18th Essex</i>     | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i>      | <i>30th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Geoff Diehl</i>         | <i>7th Plymouth</i>   | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Kate D. Campanale</i>   | <i>17th Worcester</i> | <i>1/17/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 636) of Marc T. Lombardo and others that veterans of the armed services be considered residents for the purpose of admission and tuition expenses for state colleges, community colleges or universities. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1052 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to tuition for U.S. 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 9 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “tuition;” in line 128, the  
3 following words:-

4           “provided, however, that any veteran of the United States armed services shall be  
5 considered Massachusetts residents for the purpose of admission and tuition expenses for any  
6 Massachusetts state college, community college, or state university under the following  
7 conditions: the veteran was honorably discharged from the U.S. armed services after at least one  
8 year of active service, excluding time spent at a military service academy; the veteran designates  
9 Massachusetts as his/her intended domicile, moves to Massachusetts for the purpose of

10 establishing residency, and successfully establishes residency in Massachusetts within one year  
11 of matriculation in a Massachusetts public institution of higher learning; failure to successfully  
12 meet any of the conditions will result in the Massachusetts state college, community college, or  
13 state university revoking discounted tuition rate and invoice the individual the full cost of tuition  
14 for any previous enrolled and/or future semesters.