

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2023**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas M. McGee***

*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 certain benefits for surviving spouses while a surviving child serves in the armed forces.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              |                 |
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| <i>Thomas M. McGee</i>   | <i>Third Essex</i>             |                 |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2023) of Thomas M. McGee and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to certain benefits for surviving spouses while a surviving child serves in the armed forces. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1908 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 certain benefits for surviving spouses while a surviving child serves in the armed forces.

*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. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General  
2 Laws, is hereby amended in line 56 by inserting after the word “and” the words:- “on active duty  
3 in the armed forces of the United States or ”.

4           SECTION 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General  
5 Laws, is hereby amended in line 62 by inserting after the word “and”, the words:- “on active  
6 duty in the armed forces of the United States or ”.

7           SECTION 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision (2) of section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General  
8 Laws, is hereby amended in line 82 by inserting after the word “and” the words:- “on active duty  
9 in the armed forces of the United States or ”.

10 SECTION 4. Paragraph (d) of subdivision (2) of section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General  
11 Laws, is hereby amended in line 88 by inserting after the word “remains” the words:- “on active  
12 duty in the armed forces of the United States or”.

13 SECTION 5. Clause (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of Section 7 of Chapter 32  
14 of the General Laws, is hereby amended in line 94 by inserting after the word “is” the following  
15 words:- “ on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or”.

16 SECTION 6. Clause (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of Section 7 of Chapter 32  
17 of the General Laws, is hereby amended in line 103 by inserting after the word “is” the words:-  
18 “or on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or”.

19 SECTION 7. Section 12B of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
20 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 15 by inserting after the word “if” the following  
21 words:- “on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or”.

22 SECTION 8. Section 12B of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby amended in line  
23 36 by inserting after the word “if” the following words:- “on active duty in the armed forces of  
24 the United States or”.