

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2029**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 paid military leave.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2017</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2029) of Michael F. Rush, John C. Velis, Paul R. Heroux, Kate Hogan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to paid military leave. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to paid military leave.

*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 59 of chapter 33 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following:-

4           (a) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the  
5 commonwealth or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled  
6 to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee during service in the  
7 uniformed services, annual training under section 60 or drills and parades under section 61, not  
8 exceeding 40 days or 916 hours in any state fiscal year and not exceeding 17 days or 408 hours  
9 in any federal fiscal year, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick  
10 leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime. For the purposes of this section,  
11 "uniformed services" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 13, which include

- 12 members serving in the MA National Guard, reserve units of the armed forces and a “day” shall
- 13 be considered a 24 hour period without regard to the calendar days.