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# SENATE . . . . . No. 708

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 access to higher education for veterans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| *Richard J. Ross* | *Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex* | |
| *Ryan C. Fattman* | *Worcester and Norfolk* | *2/2/2017* |
| *Linda Dean Campbell* | *15th Essex* | *2/3/2017* |
| *Bruce E. Tarr* | *First Essex and Middlesex* | *2/14/2017* |

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 708) of Richard J. Ross, Ryan C. Fattman, Linda Dean Campbell and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to allow in-state tuition rates for veterans. Higher Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to access to higher education for veterans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

"Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education, any individual admitted to such public institutions of higher education who qualifies as a veteran, as defined in clause forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates and fees, immediately upon establishing residency in the Commonwealth, at the University of Massachusetts, or any state or community college or university. No person qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under this chapter shall be denied in-state tuition and fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under this paragraph. An eligible individual shall provide the University of Massachusetts, or the state or community college or university, with proof of veteran status."