

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2226**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David F. DeCoste***

*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 protecting veterans and children of those officers and firefighters that gave their last full measure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2226) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to the hiring preferences for veterans and surviving children of police officers and fire fighters who died in the line of duty. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3283 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act protecting veterans and children of those officers and firefighters that gave their last full measure.

*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 51 of chapter 31 of the 2016 Official Edition of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town must maintain  
4 in perpetuity the hiring preferences for veterans and surviving children of police officers and fire  
5 fighters who have died in the line of duty for all positions that become exempt from the  
6 provisions of this chapter; provided further that no such exemption may apply to this paragraph.

7 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 31 is amended by adding the following  
8 paragraph:-

9           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no applicant for an  
10 appointment to a position identified in this chapter may be rejected from such position without a  
11 written letter explaining the reasons for being rejected.