

HOUSE No. 3218

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3218) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act annuities for widows and surviving relatives of 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 6B of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 30, the following:- Any applications
3 submitted by an eligible veteran shall be valid until the death of the veteran.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6B of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 38, the following:- The parents and
6 eligible surviving spouses of veterans shall reapply for said annuity once a calendar year,
7 provided further that during the first year they apply they shall be eligible to receive the annuity
8 compensation that they would have been eligible for the year after the death of the veteran.

9 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, any eligible
10 veterans, parents, or surviving spouses who did not receive an annuity due to failure to apply for
11 said benefits shall retroactively be eligible to apply for 90 days following enactment of this act.