

HOUSE No. 3206

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick and 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 providing veterans survivor benefits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i> | <i>13th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i> | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul Brodeur</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Nika C. Elugardo</i> | <i>15th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Carlos González</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Richard M. Haggerty</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |

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| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> | <i>1/25/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |

HOUSE No. 3206

By Representative Garlick of Needham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3206) of Denise C. Garlick, Michael F. Rush and others relative to providing veterans' survivor benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to providing veterans survivor benefits.

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 striking out, in lines 19 and 28, the number “\$2,000” and
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “the sum of”, in lines 19 and 28, the
4 number “\$3,000”.

5 SECTION 2. Section 6B of chapter 115, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
6 striking out the third paragraph, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

7 The parents, surviving spouse, provided that surviving spouse does not remarry, of a
8 deceased member of the armed forces of the United States, whose death occurred as a result of
9 injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war or insurrection or
10 combat, or surviving spouse, provided that surviving spouse does not remarry, of a deceased
11 member of the armed forces of the United States and who is entitled to dependency and
12 indemnity compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs shall be paid the

- 13 sum of \$3,000 annually in two equal payments on August 1 and February 1. Such payments shall
- 14 be due and payable from the date of said parents' and surviving spouses application.