

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2172**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 COLA adjustments for veteran benefits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:      |                 |
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| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |                 |
| <i>Paul Brodeur</i>   | <i>32nd Middlesex</i>  | <i>2/7/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2172) of Jason M. Lewis and Paul Brodeur for legislation relative to COLA adjustments for veteran benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to COLA adjustments for veteran 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. Chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following:-

3           Section 5½. All benefits pursuant to section 5 of this chapter shall be adjusted annually  
4 according the average cost of living adjustment in the commonwealth.