

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3654**

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**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:
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>

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By Representative Garlick of Needham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3654) of Denise C. Garlick, Michael F. Rush and others relative to providing veterans' survivor benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3206 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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.