

HOUSE No. 3649

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 establishing a Massachusetts Cold War victory medal.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/10/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Susan L. Moran</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>4/28/2021</i> |

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3649) of David F. DeCoste, Michael J. Soter and Susan L. Moran for legislation to establish a Massachusetts Cold War victory medal. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4513 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act establishing a Massachusetts Cold War victory medal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 67A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 67B. (a) The governor, in consultation with the adjutant general, may issue a
4 medal to persons eligible under subsection (b).

5 (b) There shall be a Massachusetts Cold War Victory Medal, which shall be awarded to
6 any member or former member of the armed forces of this state or of the United States who
7 meets the following criteria: (i) a person who served in the ranks of the armed forces between
8 September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991, inclusive; and (ii) a person who was a resident of
9 this state at the time he or she entered military service.

10 (c) A person qualified for the Massachusetts Cold War Victory Medal by subsection (b)
11 may only be awarded 1 Massachusetts Cold War Victory Medal for the entirety of the period of
12 eligibility.

13 (d) If a person qualifying for the Massachusetts Cold War Victory Medal required by
14 subsection (b) is deceased, the Massachusetts Cold War Victory Medal may be presented to the
15 next-of-kin of that person.

16 (e) Upon the establishment and authorization of a federal Cold War Medal or its
17 equivalent, the authorization for the Massachusetts award shall be rescinded and the federal
18 award shall be awarded and worn in its place in accordance with the guidelines established for
19 that award.