

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven G. Xiarhos

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 expanding paid family and medical leave for the armed forces.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/11/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/13/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>4/13/2021</i>
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven G. Xiarhos and others for legislation to extend paid family and medical leave to members of the armed forces. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to expanding paid family and medical leave for the armed forces.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to extend paid family and medical leave for the armed forces, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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 2(a)(1) of Section 29 of Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018, is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, the following words:-

3 ; or (iv) because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a family member
4 is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty within the
5 United States in the Armed Forces for the purpose of COVID-19 related response or to respond
6 to events that have taken place at the United States capitol

7 SECTION 2. Section 8(b) of Section 29 of Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2018, is hereby
8 amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, the following words:-

9 ; or (iv) because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a family member
10 is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty within the
11 United States in the Armed Forces for the purpose of COVID-19 related response or to respond
12 to events that have taken place at the United States capitol.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.