

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2399**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

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*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 defining "Gold Star families".

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sal N. DiDomenico*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Suffolk*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2399**

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2399) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to define "Gold Star families". Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2160 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act defining "Gold Star families".

*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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting the following definitions under the forty third definition:-

3           "Gold Star parent" shall mean any parent of a member of the armed forces whose death  
4 occurred as a result of injury sustained, illness, or disease contracted, not due to gross negligence  
5 or misconduct of the member, during active service.

6           "Gold Star spouse" any spouse of a member of the armed forces whose death occurred as  
7 a result of injury sustained, illness, or disease contracted, not due to gross negligence or  
8 misconduct of the member, during active service.