

HOUSE No. 3539

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 veteran's benefits for surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>

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By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3539) of Todd M. Smola and F. Jay Barrows relative to veterans’ benefits for surviving spouses. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3695 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to veteran's benefits for surviving spouses.

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 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3 The surviving spouse, currently not married, who is in receipt of Dependency Indemnity
4 Compensation from the Veterans Administration, and whose veteran-spouse served in active
5 service of the armed forces of the United States, shall also be paid the sum of \$1,500 annually in
6 two payments on August 1 and February 1. Such payments shall be due and payable from the
7 date of receipt of said surviving spouses completed application.