

SENATE No. 2316

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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".

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Sal N. DiDomenico

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Suffolk

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2316) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to define "Gold Star families". Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2399 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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 2020 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.