

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2322**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

*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 reservists with service-connected disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2322) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to reservists with service-connected disabilities. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2604 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to reservists with service-connected disabilities.

*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 6A of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           As used in this section and in sections 6B and 6C of this chapter, the term “reservist”  
4 shall mean a person who has served not less than 180 days in the Marine, Army, Air Force or  
5 Coast Guard reserves and who is a resident of the commonwealth.

6           SECTION 2. Section 6B of said chapter 115, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7 inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-

8           A reservist who has suffered a service-connected disability shall be paid \$2,000 annually  
9 in 2 equal payments on August 1 and February 1. The parents and surviving spouse, provided

10 that surviving spouse does not remarry, of a reservist who suffered a service-connected death  
11 shall be paid \$2,000 annually in 2 equal payments on August 1 and February 1.

12 SECTION 3. Section 6C of said chapter 115, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
13 striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “six B” and inserting in place thereof the following  
14 words:- 6B, or the reservist has suffered a service-connected disability under said section 6B.