

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3885**

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**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>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3885) of Todd M. Smola relative to veterans’ benefits for surviving spouses. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3539 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 6B of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 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."