

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shirley B. Arriaga

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 Veterans' Buyback.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act Relative to Veterans' Buyback.

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 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “be”, in line 148, the following
3 words:- provided written notice by the retirement board upon entry into service that they are.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 4 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further
5 amended by inserting after the word “member”, in line 151, the following words:- , prior to or
6 within 1 year of vesting pursuant to this chapter,.

7 SECTION 3. Section 3 of chapter 71 of the acts of 1996, as amended by section 2 of
8 chapter 468 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph.

9 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any member of
10 a retirement system who is a member in service and a veteran who failed to make the purchase
11 authorized in paragraph (h) of subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws
12 within the required 180 days pursuant to chapter 71 of the acts of 1996, as amended, shall be
13 given a 1-time opportunity to apply to the retirement system to make said purchase within 1 year

14 from the effective date of this act. Each retirement system shall provide written notice to all
15 members in service of their potential eligibility for this purchase within 90 days of the effective
16 date of this act.