

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2502**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 ensuring annuity eligibility for Gold Star Spouses.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/21/2025</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>6/26/2025</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2502) of John C. Velis for legislation to increase annuity for disabled Veterans and Gold Star families. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2356 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 ensuring annuity eligibility for Gold Star 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 so appearing, is hereby further
- 2 amended by striking out, in paragraph 3, the words “, provided, that the surviving spouse does
- 3 not remarry,”.