

SENATE No. 1367

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 the definition of a veteran for public retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	

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By Mr. Ross, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1367) of Tarr, Knapik, Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the definition of a veteran for public retirees [Joint Committee on Public Service].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1021 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to the definition of a veteran for public retirees.

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. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting, at the end thereof, the following new sentences:- Upon
3 acceptance of this provision by a retirement system, any member who is a veteran, as defined by
4 clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 116 of the acts of
5 2004, and who retired under the provisions of sections 5, 10 (1) and 26 (3) of this chapter, before
6 the effective date of said chapter 116, without receiving the additional yearly allowance as a
7 veteran provided therein, shall receive such additional yearly allowance as a veteran under
8 paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 5 or paragraph (c) of subdivision (3) of section 26 of
9 this chapter, whichever is applicable. Acceptance of this provision by a retirement system shall
10 be by a majority vote of the board of each such system, subject to the approval of the legislative
11 body. For the purposes herein, "legislative body" shall mean: in the case of a city, the city

12 council in accordance with its charter; in the case of a town, the town meeting; in the case of a
13 county, the county retirement board advisory council; in the case of a region, the regional
14 retirement board advisory council; in the case of a district, the district members; and, in the case
15 of an authority, the governing body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the
16 filing of a certification of such votes with the commission. For purposes herein, the state
17 teachers' and state employees' retirement systems shall be deemed to have accepted this
18 provision.