HOUSE No. 1551

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to discrimination of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME: Harold P. Naughton, Jr. DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1619 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISCRIMINATION OF VETERANS.

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 151B of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 23A of chapter
- 2 254 of the Acts of 2000, is hereby further amended by inserting after subsection 1C the following subsection:-

1D. For an employer, by himself or his agent, because an individual is a veteran to refuse to hire or employ or to bar
or to discharge from employment such individual or to discriminate against such individual in compensation or in
terms, conditions or privileges of employment, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification.

6 For the purposes of this subsection, a veteran shall be an individual who served not less than 180 days of active 7 service in any branch of the military.