

HOUSE No. 3126

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 cost of veteran higher education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannel</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>

Timothy R. Whelan

1st Barnstable

Jonathan D. Zlotnik

2nd Worcester

Barbara L'Italien

Second Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3126) of James Arciero and others for legislation to provide a waiver of fees to veterans at public institutions of higher learning. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the cost of veteran higher education.

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

2 Section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition
3 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following words:

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
5 contrary, the commonwealth shall provide a full waiver of fees to all veterans, armed forces
6 personnel and members of the National Guard at all public institutions of higher learning located
7 in the commonwealth. The recipient of the fee waiver shall be a Massachusetts resident, and
8 provided further that for veterans, there shall be no post-service time limitation on the use of said
9 benefit. The waiver recipient may attend full-time or part-time and the benefit may be used for
10 study at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. This law shall take effect January 1, 2016.