

HOUSE No. 3135

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen L. DiNatale

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 burial expenses for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

Timothy R. Whelan
Jonathan D. Zlotnik

1st Barnstable
2nd Worcester

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By Mr. DiNatale of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3135) of Stephen L. DiNatale and others for legislation to require funeral directors to make available to potential clients information regarding funeral and burial benefits for veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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

An Act relative to burial expenses for 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 Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 84C the following section:-

3 Section 84D. Every licensed funeral director, or his or her agent or servant, before an
4 agreement as to the price of the merchandise and service is made, shall make available to all
5 potential clients information regarding funeral and burial benefits for veterans as set forth in
6 section 7 and 8 of chapter 115 and shall give or cause to be given to a client, a written statement
7 verifying that the funeral director, or his or her agent or servant, make such information available
8 to the potential client. The written statement shall be signed by the funeral director, or his or her
9 agent or servant, and the potential client before an agreement as to the price of the merchandise
10 and service is made.

11 Any funeral director who fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of
12 not more than \$1,000.