

HOUSE No. 3283

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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 protecting veterans and children of those officers and firefighters that gave their last full measure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3283) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to the hiring preferences for veterans and surviving children of police officers and fire fighters who died in the line of duty. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act protecting veterans and children of those officers and firefighters that gave their last full measure.

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 51 of chapter 31 of the 2016 Official Edition of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town must maintain
4 in perpetuity the hiring preferences for veterans and surviving children of police officers and fire
5 fighters who have died in the line of duty for all positions that become exempt from the
6 provisions of this chapter; provided further that no such exemption may apply to this paragraph.

7 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 31 is amended by adding the following
8 paragraph:-

9 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no applicant for an
10 appointment to a position identified in this chapter may be rejected from such position without a
11 written letter explaining the reasons for being rejected.