

HOUSE No. 3511

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3511) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives 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 6B of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 30, the following:- Any applications
3 submitted by an eligible veteran shall be valid until the death of the veteran.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6B of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “spouse”, in line 47, the
6 following:- The parents and eligible surviving spouses of veterans shall reapply for said annuity
7 once a calendar year, provided further that during the first year they apply they shall be eligible
8 to receive the annuity compensation that they would have been eligible for the year after the
9 death of the veteran.

10 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, any eligible
11 veterans, parents, or surviving spouses who did not receive an annuity due to failure to apply for
12 said benefits shall retroactively be eligible to apply for 90 days following enactment of this act.