

SENATE No. 595

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Brewer

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 providing for tuition and fee waivers for veterans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Mr. Brewer | Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin |
| Todd M. Smola | 1st Hampden |
| Michael F. Rush | 10th Suffolk |
| Bruce E. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02260 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS 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 SECTION 1. Section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2 the third paragraph, inserted by section 2A of chapter 130 of the acts of 2005, and inserting in
3 place thereof the following paragraph:-

4 Such guidelines shall provide tuition and fee waivers for Massachusetts National Guard members
5 and for veterans who are current residents of the commonwealth. The commonwealth, not the
6 institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such tuition and fee waivers for
7 Massachusetts National Guard members and veterans. The guidelines shall also require
8 applicants for tuition and fee waivers under this paragraph to demonstrate application for all
9 available federal educational financial aid. The board shall report in writing the number and
10 cost of waivers under this paragraph not later than January 1 and June 1 of each year to the joint
11 committee on veterans and federal affairs and the house and senate committees on ways and
12 means.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.