

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3188**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Stephen Kulik*

*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:

An Act relative to payment of veteran's benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3188) of Stephen Kulik and others relative to payment of veteran’s benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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An Act relative to payment of veteran’s benefits.

*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 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: “Veteran’s benefits shall  
3 be paid to a veteran or dependents by the Commonwealth; provided, that no benefits shall be  
4 paid to a veteran unless he has actually resided in the Commonwealth for 1 day preceding the  
5 date of his application for such benefits, nor shall any benefits be paid to any dependent of a  
6 veteran unless he has actually resided in the Commonwealth continuously for three years next  
7 preceding the date of his application for such benefits, nor unless the veteran of whom he is a  
8 dependent has actually resided within the commonwealth continuously for three years next  
9 preceding the date of such dependent’s application for such benefits.”

10 SECTION 2. Section 6 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby stricken in its  
11 entirety and replaced by inserting its place the following: “The application for veteran’s benefits  
12 is a function of the Veteran’s Service Officer in the city or town or district where the veteran or  
13 his dependent resides. The Veteran’s Service Officer is required to certify to the Commonwealth  
14 for direct payment to the veteran or dependent receiving the benefit the following information:  
15 the names of recipients thereof, the amounts to be paid to or for each applicant, the reasons for  
16 granting him such benefits, dates of residence in the Commonwealth, the names of the veterans  
17 on account of whose services the benefits were granted, the names, if any, of the companies,  
18 regiments, stations, organizations or vessels in which they respectively served, or to which they  
19 were appointed, and in which they last served, and the relationship of each dependent to the  
20 veteran on the account.”