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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3204

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald A. Parisella and Paul Brodeur

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 reducing barriers to employment for returning armed forces members.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jerald A. Parisella	*6th Essex*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
John D. Keenan	*7th Essex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*

Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Cleon H. Turner	*1st Barnstable*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*

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By Messrs. Parisella of Beverly and Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3204) of Jerald A. Parisella and others relative to employment for members of the armed forces returning from active duty. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *4007* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act reducing barriers to employment for returning armed forces members.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Global fee waiver of any fee under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Administration and Finance:

SECTION 1. Section 3B of chapter 7 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “function”, in line 39, the following words:- ; provided, that the secretary of administration shall provide for a waiver of payment of any such amount constituting an entry fee for any board of registration and examination under the general laws or for other professional licensure for any veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency; provided, however, that such waiver shall not include any board listed in subsection (a) of section 9 of chapter 13; and.

Apprentice ID Card application and renewal fee:

SECTION 2. Section 11W of chapter 23 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “director”, in line 6, the following words:- ; provided, however, that such fee shall be waived for any veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for

18 waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or
19 armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the
20 purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency.

21 SECTION 3. Said section 11W of said chapter 23, as so appearing, is hereby further
22 amended by inserting after the word “sponsor”, in line 9, the following words:- ; provided,
23 however, that such fee shall be waived for any veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section
24 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran make application for waiver within 1 year following
25 completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency or armed forces personnel who
26 have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war,
27 emergency, or contingency.

28 Waiver for those fees not under the Executive’s discretion:

29 SECTION 4. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
30 section 65, the following section:-

31 Section 65A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3B of chapter 7, each board that
32 regulates persons licensed, certified, or registered pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9 of
33 chapter 13 or any such implementing provision in this chapter applicable to such board of
34 registration and examination shall exempt such licensed, certified, or registered individuals who
35 are veteran as defined by clause Forty-third of section 4 of chapter 7; provided, that such veteran
36 make application for waiver within 1 year following completion of service in the war,
37 emergency, or contingency or armed forces personnel who have been called to active duty for
38 more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war, emergency, or contingency from the
39 payment of any professional or occupational license, certification, or registration fees, including
40 renewal fees, and from any continuing education or professional competency requirements for a
41 renewal cycle that falls within the period of service or within the 6 months following completion
42 of service in the war, emergency, or contingency. Veterans or aArmed forces personnel who
43 have been called to active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of serving in a war,
44 emergency, or contingency that are applying for a license, certification, or registration for the
45 first time shall be exempt from the initial licensing fee provided that they make application
46 within 1 year following completion of service in the war, emergency, or contingency.