

HOUSE No. 1939

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul A. Schmid, III

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 accelerating state repayments to municipalities for veterans' benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
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<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1939) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to the acceleration of state repayments to municipalities for veterans benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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

An Act accelerating state repayments to municipalities for veterans’ 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 Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 6, as so
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 6. The amounts expended by any city or town for veterans' benefits, the names of
4 recipients thereof, the amounts paid to or for each applicant, the reasons for granting him such
5 benefits, the names of the veterans on account of whose services the benefits were granted, the
6 names, if any, of the companies, regiments, stations, organizations or vessels in which they
7 respectively enlisted, or to which they were appointed, and in which they last served, and the
8 relationship of each dependent to the veteran on account of whose service the benefits were
9 granted, and such other details as the commissioner may require, shall, within 30 days following
10 the month in which such expenditures were made, be certified to said commissioner on blank
11 forms provided by him, in a manner approved by him, and under the penalties of perjury, by the
12 veterans' agent and treasurer of such city or town. Such certificate forms shall be sent to the

13 commissioner with any related documents as the commissioner may require. Within 120 days of
14 receipt of a certification form with other required documentation, the commissioner shall
15 examine such certificates, and shall allow such amounts as he finds have been paid and reported
16 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The commissioner may decide upon the
17 necessity of the amount paid in each case, and may allow any part thereof which he deems
18 proper and lawful. Subject to such decision and allowance, 75 per cent of the amounts of
19 veterans' benefits paid to applicants by the cities and towns wherein they reside, but none of the
20 expenses attending the payments of such benefits, shall be repaid by the commonwealth to the
21 several cities and towns. Repayment by the commonwealth of veterans' benefits in each case
22 shall, subject to appropriation, be made to cities and towns no later than 45 days after the
23 commissioner's decision to allow payment of such benefit amounts expended.