

HOUSE No. 1940

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 veteran's benefits for surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1940) of Todd M. Smola, Timothy R. Whelan and Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to veterans’ benefits for surviving spouses. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3168 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to veteran's benefits for surviving spouses.

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 said Chapter 115, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
2 by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3 The surviving spouse, currently not married, who is in receipt of Dependency Indemnity
4 Compensation from the Veterans Administration, and whose veteran-spouse served in active
5 service of the armed forces of the United States, shall also be paid the sum of \$1,500 annually in
6 two payments on August 1 and February 1. Such payments shall be due and payable from the
7 date of receipt of said surviving spouses completed application.