

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 veterans' burial expenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk
Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex
Shaunna L. O'Connell	3rd Bristol
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1942) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to the payment of certain burial expenses for veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. *3169* OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to veterans' burial expenses.

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 8 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2	is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
3	sentence:- Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section 7 shall not

4 exceed \$4,000 for the funeral and burial of a person under this chapter; provided, that the cost of

- 5 funeral and burial does not exceed \$5,000 and there are insufficient resources in the estate of
- 6 such person pay for the cost of such funeral and burial.