

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2363**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.**

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*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 bill:

**An Act relative to cognitive testing for the National Guard.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.	5th Norfolk
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Allen J. McCarthy	7th Plymouth
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO COGNITIVE TESTING FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD.

*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 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-
- 2 Section 139. The military forces of the commonwealth shall initiate a functional MRI and
- 3 neuropsychological cognitive testing programs for all its personnel. Said testing shall take place
- 4 beginning at basic training and prior to their deployment, during deployment and upon return. If a test
- 5 indicates diminution of cognitive ability, they shall be referred for medical treatment for diagnosis and
- 6 follow-up treatment.