

HOUSE No. 3155

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 burial benefits of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>

Mark J. Cusack
Brian R. Mannal

5th Norfolk
2nd Barnstable

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3155) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. and others relative to burial benefits of veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3200 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to burial benefits of veterans.

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 8 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 through 14 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:-

4 “Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section 7 shall not exceed
5 \$5,000 for the funeral and burial of a person under this chapter, provided that the cost of funeral
6 and burial does not exceed \$6,000 and there are insufficient resources in the estate of such
7 person to pay for the cost of such funeral and burial.

8 Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section 7 shall not exceed
9 \$3,000 for the cremation, funeral and burial of a person under this chapter, provided that the cost

10 of the cremation, funeral and burial does not exceed \$4,000 and there are insufficient resources
11 in the estate of such person to pay for the cost of such cremation, funeral and burial.”