

HOUSE No. 3348

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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:

An Act relative to college tuition and fees for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>

<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Linda Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3348) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to provide higher education tuition and fee waivers for certain veterans. Higher Education.

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An Act relative to college tuition and fees for 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 10 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “meanings,” in line 2, the
3 following definition:-

4 “Combat Veteran”, a veteran whose service includes: 1) receipt of an expeditionary
5 medal or other department of defense authorized combat-related medal; 2) service in a location
6 designated by an executive order as a combat zone; 3) service in a qualified hazardous duty area
7 as defined by federal statute that deems such service by a member of the armed forces to be the
8 equivalent of service in a combat zone for pay or a tax-related purpose; 4) receipt of department
9 of defense hostile fire or imminent danger pay for serving in the area subject to hostilities; or 5)
10 other factor as may be defined in policy and regulation by the secretary of veterans affairs.

11 SECTION 2. Section 19 of said chapter 15A of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
12 inserting after the word “members,” in line 17, the following paragraph:-

13 Such guidelines shall provide tuition and fee waivers for combat veterans and the
14 children of combat veterans who were killed during service. The commonwealth, not the
15 institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such tuition and fee waivers for
16 combat members and the children of combat members who were killed while serving in the
17 military.