

HOUSE No. 03417

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel K. Webster, (BY REQUEST)

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 certain benefits to veterans and their surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas Constantine

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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□ Hanson, MA 02341*

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By Mr. Webster of Pembroke (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3417) of [PETITIONERS LIST] for legislation to provide certain tax abatements to veterans and their surviving spouses. Revenue.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to certain benefits to veterans and their 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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after clause Twenty-second C the following clause:-
3 Twenty-second D. Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of
4 the commonwealth who are veterans as defined in clause forty-three of section seven of chapter
5 four, a disabled veteran or his surviving spouse and the surviving spouse of a service member
6 killed in the line of duty that receives benefits in chapter 58 or this chapter may transfer or
7 convey his residence or domicile, to which the disabled veteran or his surviving spouse and
8 surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty has assigned the benefit of the tax
9 abatement listed under said chapter 58 or this chapter to a trust or conservatorship or other legal
10 instrument passing ownership to his legal heirs or trustees, such disabled veteran or his
11 surviving spouse and the surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty, the trust

12 or conservators shall be entitled to lawfully retain that formerly granted tax abatement to the
13 residence or domicile until the death of the disabled veteran or his surviving spouse or the death
14 of the surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty, providing that the
15 aforementioned remain residing in said residence or domicile until their death.