SENATE No. 01820

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Hart, 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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to veteran discrimination..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John Hart, Jr.	First Suffolk
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk

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By Mr. Hart, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1820) of Rogers, DiDomenico and Hart for legislation relative to veteran's discrimination [Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE , NO. 1996 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to veteran discrimination..

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 4 of chapter 151B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006

2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 1c the following section:

D. For an employer, by himself or his agent, because an individual is a veteran to refuse to hire or employ or to bar or to discharge from employment such individual or to discriminate against such individual in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification.

For the purposes of this subsection, a veteran shall be an individual who served not less8 than 180 days of active service in any branch of the military.