

SENATE No. 2013

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 municipal veterans' benefits expenditures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anne M. Gobi

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2013) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to municipal veterans' benefits expenditures. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to municipal veterans' benefits expenditures.

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 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the sixth paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 Any city or town may incur liability and make expenditures in any fiscal year in excess of
5 available appropriations for veterans' benefits provided that such expenditures are approved by
6 the town manager and the finance or advisory committee in a town having a town manager, by
7 the selectmen and the finance or advisory committee in any other town, by the city manager and
8 the city council in a city having a city manager or by the mayor and city council in any other
9 city; provided, however, that the appropriation for such purposes in said fiscal year equaled or
10 exceeded the appropriation for said purposes in the prior fiscal year. Expenditures made under
11 authority of this section shall be certified to the board of assessors and included in the next
12 annual tax rate. Every city or town shall annually, not later than September fifteenth, report to
13 the division of local services of the department of revenue the total amounts appropriated and

- 14 expended, including any funding or reimbursements received from the commonwealth, for
- 15 veterans' benefits in the fiscal year ending on the preceding June thirtieth.