

SENATE No. 2167

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eric P. Lesser

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 life insurance for members of the Massachusetts National Guard.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i> | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i> | |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2167) of Eric P. Lesser, José F. Tosado and Todd M. Smola for legislation relative to life insurance for members of the Massachusetts National Guard. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to life insurance for members of the Massachusetts National Guard.

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. Chapter 33 of the general laws, as amended by chapter 369 of the acts of
2 2018, is hereby further amended by striking out section 88B and inserting in place thereof the
3 following section:-

4 Section 88B. The commonwealth shall reimburse a servicemember’s monthly premium
5 in the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance Program administered by the Veterans Administration
6 or an equivalent group life insurance program of the servicemember’s choosing; provided,
7 however, that such reimbursement shall not exceed 50 per cent of the monthly premium cost of
8 Serviceman's Group Life Insurance. The reimbursement may be paid directly to the service
9 member or paid as a premium payment directly to an equivalent group life insurance program of
10 the service member’s choosing for the purchase of supplemental life insurance. The
11 Massachusetts National Guard State Sponsored Life Insurance Program is recognized as an
12 equivalent group life insurance program.