

SENATE No. 772

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dean A. Tran

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 access to higher education for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 772) of Dean A. Tran, Michael J. Soter, David F. DeCoste and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to allow in-state tuition rates for veterans. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 708 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to access to higher education 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 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of
5 determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education,
6 any individual admitted to such public institutions of higher education who qualifies as a veteran,
7 as defined in clause forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition
8 rates and fees at the University of Massachusetts or any state or community college or university,
9 immediately upon establishing residency in the Commonwealth. No person qualified for in-state
10 tuition rates and fees under this chapter shall be denied in-state tuition and fees as a result of the

- 11 granting of eligibility under this paragraph. An eligible individual shall provide the University of
- 12 Massachusetts, or the state or community college or university, with proof of veteran status.