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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Thomas M. McGee**

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*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 establishing the Massachusetts GI bill to provide tuition and fee waivers for National Guard members and veterans.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act establishing the Massachusetts GI bill to provide tuition and fee waivers for National Guard members and veterans.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 SECTION 1. Section 19 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws is

hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph, inserted by

Section 2A of Chapter 130 of the acts of 2005, and inserting in place

thereof the following paragraph:—

Such guidelines shall provide tuition and fee waivers for Massachusetts

National Guard members and veterans, as defined in clause

forty-third of Section 7 of Chapter 4. The Commonwealth, not the

institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such

tuition and fee waivers for Massachusetts National Guard members

and veterans. The guidelines shall also require applicants for tuition

and fee waivers under this paragraph to demonstrate application for

all available federal educational financial aid. The board shall report

in writing the number and cost of waivers under this paragraph not

later than January 1 and June 1 of each year to the joint committee

on veterans and federal affairs and the house and senate committees

on ways and means.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009