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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**John A. Hart, Jr.**

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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 Relative to Fuel and Shelter Benefits for Veterans.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| John A. Hart, Jr. | First Suffolk |
| Harold P. Naughton, Jr. | 12th Worcester |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02129 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to fuel and shelter benefits 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:*

 SECTION 1. Chapter 115, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official edition is hereby amended by striking out paragraph eight and inserting in place thereof the following paragraphs: --

The benefits provided herein shall include an amount for “Shelter” not to fall below $600 per month for eligible veterans and dependents who do not pay their own heating costs.

The benefits provided herein shall include an amount for “Shelter” not to fall below $500 per month for eligible veterans and dependents who pay their own heating costs.