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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Marc R. Pacheco**

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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 veterans pension benefits.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Marc R. Pacheco | First Plymouth and Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01626 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 veterans pension benefits.

 *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 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 58D the following section: -Section 58E. A veteran who has been in the service of the Commonwealth, notwithstanding the provisions of section 60, for a period of 30 years in the aggregate, shall, at his own request, with the approval of the retiring authority, be retired from active service at seventy-two per cent of the highest annual rate of compensation, including any bonuses paid in lieu of additional salary or as a temporary wage increase in addition to his regular compensation, and including any maintenance allowance, payable to him while he was holding the grade held by him at his retirement, and payable from the same source.