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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

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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 to provide employment protection for disabled veterans and veterans who are not members of civil service.

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PETITION OF:

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| Morrissey, Michael (SEN) | Norfolk and Plymouth |

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SEE SENATE, NO. S02141 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to provide employment protection for disabled veterans and veterans who are not members of civil service.

*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 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 official edition, is amended by inserting after section 26 the following new section: -

Section 26A.    A veteran shall be retained in employment in preference to all other persons from layoffs and bumping, regardless of whether said veteran is part of the civil system service system.  If there is more than one veteran, then the disabled veteran shall be retained in employment in preference to all other veterans.  If there is more than one disabled veteran, the disabled veteran with the most years of service in his or her entirety shall be retained in employment in preference to other all others.  If there are no disabled veterans, then the veteran with the most years of service in his or her entirety shall be retained in employment in preference to all others.