

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.**

*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 cognitive testing for the National Guard.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.	5th Norfolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO COGNITIVE TESTING FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD.

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

1 Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

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3 Section 139. The military forces of the commonwealth shall initiate a functional MRI and  
4 neuropsychological cognitive testing programs for all its personnel. Said testing shall take place  
5 beginning at basic training and prior to their deployment, during deployment and upon return. If a test  
6 indicates diminution of cognitive ability, they shall be referred for medical treatment for diagnosis and  
7 follow-up treatment.

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