

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Thomas M. McGee**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas M. McGee

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Essex and Middlesex

# 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:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 19 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph, inserted by  
3 Section 2A of Chapter 130 of the acts of 2005, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following paragraph:—  
5 Such guidelines shall provide tuition and fee waivers for Massachusetts  
6 National Guard members and veterans, as defined in clause  
7 forty-third of Section 7 of Chapter 4. The Commonwealth, not the  
8 institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such  
9 tuition and fee waivers for Massachusetts National Guard members  
10 and veterans. The guidelines shall also require applicants for tuition  
11 and fee waivers under this paragraph to demonstrate application for  
12 all available federal educational financial aid. The board shall report  
13 in writing the number and cost of waivers under this paragraph not  
14 later than January 1 and June 1 of each year to the joint committee  
15 on veterans and federal affairs and the house and senate committees  
16 on ways and means.  
17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009