

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Knapik**

*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 providing coverage of educational expenses to deceased veterans .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Mr. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Mr. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Mr. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Mr. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00725 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT PROVIDING COVERAGE OF EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES TO DECEASED 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. The third paragraph of section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as inserted  
2 by section 2A of chapter 130 of the acts of 2005, is hereby amended by adding the following 2  
3 sentences:- The guidelines shall also provide tuition, fee waivers and reimbursement for room  
4 and board at any institution of public higher education in the commonwealth to a student whose  
5 parent or legal guardian was a resident of the commonwealth who served as a member of the  
6 armed forces of the United States and died in the line of service. The commonwealth, not the  
7 institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of these tuition and fee waivers and  
8 reimbursements.