

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

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 preference on the pilots commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00528 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS PREFERENCE ON THE PILOTS COMMISSION.

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 3 of chapter 103 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

3 Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary in determining the eligibility of applicants
4 for consideration for appointment to any status as pilot candidate or for a warrant or full branch
5 pilot commission, the pilot commission shall adopt regulations providing for preference to
6 veterans as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4 of the general laws and those who were
7 honorably discharged from or currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States,
8 including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and the National Oceanic
9 and Atmospheric Administration Officer Corps. If an active duty member or veteran applicant
10 has a valid United States Coast Guard-issued Unlimited Master's License and a First Class
11 Federal Pilotage endorsement for any part of Boston Harbor, he shall be eligible for preference
12 for appointment as a state-commissioned pilot apprentice. No person's status as a veteran or as a

13 military reservist, and no person's susceptibility to recall to military active duty, shall affect that
14 person's eligibility for selection for pilot candidate training or for warrant or full branch pilot
15 commission.