

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

McGee, Thomas (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 to provide retirement benefits for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
McGee, Thomas (SEN)	Third Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01532 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR 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 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, any retired
2 member of a retirement system, who is a veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States
3 and who retired prior to 1996 shall be entitled to have his retirement allowance recalculated based
4 upon additional credit for active service in the armed services to the United States. Such recalculation
5 shall not be made until such member has paid into the annuity savings fund of such system, in one sum
6 or in installments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, makeup payments, for
7 each year of the creditable service sought, of an amount equal to the ten percent of the regular annual
8 compensation of the member when said member entered the retirement system; and, provided further
9 that such creditable service shall not be construed to include service for more than four years provided
10 further, that such creditable shall not be allowed for any period of active service for which said veteran
11 has received credit pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter thirty-two of the
12 General Laws or for which said veteran receives a federal military pension. This act shall apply to

13 Massachusetts National Guard and Active Reserve personnel, both former and present. Creditable
14 service time, both enlisted and commissioned may be applied toward retirement on a ratio of five years
15 guard service or five years active reserve service substitutable for each year of active service.

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