

HOUSE No. 3732

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, petition of Anthony J. Verga and others establishing the Massachusetts GI bill to provide tuition and fee waivers for National Guard members and veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS GI BILL FOR VETERAN.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat
2 its purpose, which is forthwith to provide higher education tuition
3 and fee waiver programs for veterans. therefore it is hereby declared
4 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of
5 the public convenience.

*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 Massa-
6 chusetts 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.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.