

SENATE No. 2001

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John A. Hart, Jr.

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' Burial Benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John A. Hart, Jr.	First Suffolk
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02134 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS' BURIAL BENEFITS.

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 8 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 through 14 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:- "Amounts expended by the burial agent under the provisions of section 7
4 shall not exceed \$5,000 for the funeral and burial of a person under this chapter, provided that
5 the cost of funeral and burial does not exceed \$6,000 and there are insufficient resources in the
6 estate of such person to pay for the cost of such funeral and burial. Amounts expended by the
7 burial agent under the provisions of section 7 shall not exceed \$3,000 for the cremation, funeral
8 and burial of a person under this chapter, provided that the cost of the cremation, funeral and
9 burial does not exceed \$4,000 and there are insufficient resources in the estate of such person to
10 pay for the cost of such cremation, funeral and burial."