

By Mr. McNeil of Malden, petition of John C. McNeil for legislation to provide educational benefits to certain Vietnam veterans. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO CERTAIN VIETNAM VETERANS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to clarify the intent of the General
3 Court to immediately provide full educational benefits to Vietnam
4 Veteran residents of the Commonwealth, therefore, it is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 reservation of the public good.

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 of chapter 601 of the acts of 1966, as most recently
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 457 of the acts of 1976, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting
4 in place thereof the following sentences: — The board of higher
5 education is hereby authorized to issue a certificate of exemption
6 from tuition at any state institution of higher education within
7 the commonwealth to any Vietnam veteran, as defined in section
8 seven of chapter four of the General Laws, whose service was
9 credited to the commonwealth, or who did not enter the service
10 from the commonwealth but who has resided for two consecutive
11 years in the commonwealth immediately prior to receiving tuition
12 benefits, provided said veteran was released from active duty
13 under conditions other than dishonorable. Such veteran shall
14 prove residency by requirements established by the board of
15 higher education.

