

SENATE No. 616

By Ms. Murray, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 616) of Therese Murray, Robert Lyons, Steven A. Tolman, Robert E. Travaglini, Robert A. Havern and Viriato Manuel deMacedo for legislation relative to the benefits payable to the spouses of deceased veterans. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS' SPOUSES.

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 6B of Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws,
2 as so appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after the last paragraph the following paragraph:—

4 The unremarried spouse of a deceased member of the armed
5 forces of the United States, whose death occurred as a result of
6 injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time
7 of war or insurrection or combat, shall be paid the sum of \$1,500
8 annually in two equal payments on July 1, and January 1, of each
9 year, provided further that said surviving spouse does not remarry,
10 unless said subsequent marriage results in death or divorce. Such
11 payments shall be due and payable from the date of said application.

