

By Mr. Thompson of Cambridge, petition of Alvin E. Thompson for legislation to direct the Adjutant General to furnish a flag of the United States to the estate of certain deceased members of the National Guard. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FURNISHING OF A FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES FOR CERTAIN DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following sections: —

3 Section 138. (a) Adjutant General shall pay the necessary
4 expenses for the presentation of a flag of the United States with
5 care to the person designated to direct disposition of the remains
6 of a deceased person who served a minimum of four years in a
7 federally recognized unit of the National Guard of this state, upon
8 the request of such designated person, if the deceased member of
9 the National Guard has not been dishonorably discharged from
10 service, and if such deceased person is not otherwise eligible to
11 receive such flag under any other provision of the laws of this state
12 or federal law. Such flag shall be provided in order that the casket
13 of the deceased person may be draped in a flag of the United
14 States.

15 (b) After the burial of the deceased member, the flag so
16 furnished pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be given
17 to the parent or parents or the spouse or children of the deceased
18 person. If no claim is made by a parent, spouse or child for the
19 flag furnished under subsection (a), the flag may be given, upon
20 request, to a friend or associate of the deceased member.

