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By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, petition of Robert A. DeLeo relative to tuition and fee for veterans attending state colleges and universities and community colleges. Education, Arts and Humanities.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS' HIGHER EDUCATION.

*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, as appearing in the  
2 General Laws 1998 Official Edition, as amended by section 42 of  
3 chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000, is hereby amended by striking in  
4 line 9 the words, "veterans, armed forces personnel," and further  
5 striking the comma after the word, "citizens".

1 SECTION 2. Section 19 of chapter 15A, as appearing in the  
2 General Laws 1998 Official Edition, as amended by section 42 of  
3 chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000, is hereby amended by adding at  
4 the end thereof the following paragraph:—

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to  
6 the contrary, the board of higher education shall provide full  
7 tuition and fee waivers for academically eligible veterans and  
8 armed forces personnel, as defined in clause forty-third of  
9 section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
10 1998 Official Edition, who are citizens of the commonwealth, for  
11 all undergraduate and graduate courses offered by any college or  
12 university of the commonwealth including, but not limited to,  
13 courses toward an undergraduate degree program, certificate pro-  
14 gram, short-term certificate program and noncredit courses at each  
15 community college, state college and undergraduate campus of the  
16 University of Massachusetts. Said fee waiver shall include, but  
17 not be limited to, fees for books, transportation, and housing.

By the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Conference with the Senate, approved August 1, 1954.

THE CONFERENCE REPORT

ON THE JOINT RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORITY ACT, 1949, AS AMENDED, AND TO AMEND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORITY ACT, 1950, AS AMENDED.

AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON AUGUST 1, 1954, AND BY THE SENATE ON AUGUST 1, 1954.

- 1. Section 1 of chapter 16 of the National Defense Authority Act, 1949, as amended, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff are hereby authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.
- 3. The following provisions of chapter 16 of the National Defense Authority Act, 1949, as amended, are hereby amended:
- 4. Section 101 is amended to read as follows:
- 5. Section 102 is amended to read as follows:
- 6. Section 103 is amended to read as follows:
- 7. Section 104 is amended to read as follows:
- 8. Section 105 is amended to read as follows:
- 9. Section 106 is amended to read as follows:
- 10. Section 107 is amended to read as follows:
- 11. Section 108 is amended to read as follows: