

**SENATE**

**No. 2029**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Michael F. Rush**

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act relative to paid military leave.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael F. Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk	
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	2/1/2017
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	2/1/2017
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex	2/1/2017
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	2/3/2017
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	2nd Worcester	2/3/2017
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	2/3/2017
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	2/3/2017
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	Second Hampden and Hampshire	2/3/2017
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	2/7/2017
Nick Collins	4th Suffolk	2/7/2017
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex	2/8/2017

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2029) of Michael F. Rush, John C. Velis, Paul R. Heroux, Kate Hogan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to paid military leave. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

*In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)*

*An Act relative to paid military leave.*

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

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SECTION 1. Section 59 of chapter 33 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014

Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

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(a) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the commonwealth or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee during service in the uniformed services, annual training under section 60 or drills and parades under section 61, not exceeding 40 days or 916 hours in any state fiscal year and not exceeding 17 days or 408 hours in any federal fiscal year, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime. For the purposes of this section, "uniformed services" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 13, which include

- 12 members serving in the MA National Guard, reserve units of the armed forces and a "day" shall
- 13 be considered a 24 hour period without regard to the calendar days.

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**PETITION --- SENATE**

**Senator Michael F. Rush  
of Norfolk and Suffolk**

*presents the petition of Michael F.  
Rush, John C. Velis, Paul R. Heroux,  
Kate Hogan and other members of the  
General Court for legislation relative to  
paid military leave*

**SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1808  
Filed: 1/20/2017**

[Accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2029]

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**Senate, January 23, 2017  
Referred to the committee on  
Veterans and Federal Affairs**

*William F. Wood*, Clerk.

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**House of Reps., January 23, 2017**

**The House concurs.**

*Steven T. James*  
, Clerk.