

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2030**

**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 to protect medically needy veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>

<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2030) of Michael F. Rush, Jerald A. Parisella, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect medically needy veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to protect medically needy veterans.

*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 25 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (5), the following new section:-  
3           (6) The entire amount of a monthly veteran’s payment from the Department of Veteran’s  
4 Affairs, including a pension paid to the veteran or to a widowed spouse of a veteran shall be non  
5 countable, if any portion of the monthly benefit paid to the veteran or widowed spouse as a result  
6 of unreimbursed medical expenses consists of aid and attendance or housebound benefits.