

SENATE No.

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

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.