

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1944**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 authorizing veterans to use facilities of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority without cost to such veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1944) of John C. Velis, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Paul R. Heroux relative to authorizing veterans to use facilities of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority without cost to such veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3171 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act authorizing veterans to use facilities of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority without cost to such 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 5 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 thereof the following paragraph: -(s) The Pioneer Valley Transit authority shall permit any  
3 veteran, as certified by the United States Department of Defense, to use bus and shuttle services  
4 at no cost to said veteran; provided that said veteran is utilizing transportation to travel to or from  
5 a Veterans Administration hospital for medical care; and provided further that said veteran  
6 presents proof of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the form of a notice from the  
7 Veterans Administration indicating the Veteran’s name and the date and location of said  
8 appointment.