

HOUSE No. 02656

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald Parisella

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act increasing access to medical care for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jerald Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2656) of Dykema and others for legislation to authorize certain veterans to use facilities of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and regional transit authorities without cost to such veterans Joint Committee on Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 3786 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act increasing access to medical care for 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 2 amended by adding at the end
2 thereof the following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation
3 authority in the Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States
4 Department of Defense, to use commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to
5 said veteran; provided that said veteran is utilizing transportation to travel to or from a Veterans
6 Administration hospital for medical care; and provided further, that said veteran presents proof
7 of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the form of a notice from the Veterans
8 Administration indicating the veteran’s name and the date and location of said appointment.