

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3495**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David F. DeCoste*

*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 enhance opportunities for veterans at the Massachusetts Port Authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>

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By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3495) of David F. DeCoste, Michael J. Soter and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to employment preference for veterans at the Massachusetts Port Authority. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3650 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to enhance opportunities for veterans at the Massachusetts Port Authority.

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

1 Chapter 465 of the acts of 1956 is hereby amended by adding the following section: –

2 Section 37. When considering applicants for employment with the Authority, the  
3 Authority shall develop rules and regulations for the hiring of employees that include guidelines  
4 for preferential consideration of applicants who are veterans as defined under section 1 of  
5 chapter 31 of the General Laws. As used in this section, the word “employee” shall have the  
6 same meaning as “employee” in section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws and shall also  
7 include consultants and independent contractors who are natural persons paid by the Authority.