

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3527**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jerald A. 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act increasing access to medical care for veterans.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3527) of Jerald A. Parisella and Denise C. Garlick relative to increasing access to medical care for veterans by providing use of commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3683 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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 amended by adding the  
2 following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation authority in the  
3 Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States Department of  
4 Defense, to use commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to said veteran;  
5 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.