

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1045**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 relative to veterans' work-related experience in applying for certain licenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1045) of Richard J. Ross, Linda Dean Campbell and Eric P. Lesser for legislation relative to veterans’ work-related experience in applying for certain licenses. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to veterans’ work-related experience in applying for certain licenses.

*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. Chapter 23 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

3           Section 26. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, veterans  
4 who reside in the Commonwealth may be exempted from apprenticeship, school and other  
5 requirements to acquire a permit or license to perform work in an area requiring a license. The  
6 commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to award veterans exemption from  
7 requirements or credits towards licensure for all related military experience and schooling in the  
8 area in which the veteran seeks to be licensed. The rules and regulations shall include, but not be  
9 limited to, accepting military training and work experience in lieu of apprenticeship fully or  
10 partially, as the licensing authority determines, and exempting the veteran from apprenticeship  
11 and other requirements.