

SENATE No. 2027

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 protecting veterans' military medical and service records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2027) of Michael F. Rush, William M. Straus, Paul McMurtry, Richard J. Ross and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect veterans’ military medical and service records. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act protecting veterans’ military medical and service records.

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. Section 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 22 to 24 inclusive, the words “No
3 appointing authority shall request military medical records for the purpose of employment other
4 than that which is required by the administrator” and replacing them with the following words:-

5 Notwithstanding the administrator’s right to require a physician’s certificate in the case of
6 a disabled veteran aforementioned, no appointing authority shall require, request, or accept an
7 individual’s military medical records or military service records for the purpose of employment.

8 An appointing authority shall not impose upon an individual as a condition of obtaining or
9 retaining employment any terms or conditions, compliance with which would require such
10 individual to present his or her military medical record or military service record.