

SENATE No. 2359

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 EMT certification of veterans and military medics.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2359) of John C. Velis, Adam Scanlon and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation relative to EMT certification of veterans and military medics. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to EMT certification of veterans and military medics.

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. Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 111C of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (3) the
3 following clause:-

4 (3a) develop standards and promulgate regulations establishing criteria for determining
5 the extent to which the education and training requirements for veterans and military medics of
6 the United States Armed Forces are substantially equivalent to the education and training
7 requirements of emergency medical technicians in the commonwealth;

8 SECTION 2. Said chapter 111C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 9 the
9 following section:-

10 Section 9a. The department shall, based on the department standards and regulations
11 established pursuant to clause (3a) of subsection (b) of section 3, determine if veterans or
12 military medics of the United States Armed Forces applying for emergency medical technician,

13 hereinafter EMT, certification in the commonwealth have completed courses or training required
14 by the United States Armed Forces that is substantially equivalent to the state emergency training
15 requirements. If the department determines that a veteran or military medic applying for EMT
16 certification has completed substantially equivalent training, the department shall issue a waiver
17 of any course or training requirement for certification in the commonwealth, for any course or
18 training completed through the United States Armed Forces that is found, by the department, to
19 be substantially equivalent to the requirement of certification in the commonwealth; provided,
20 that the applicant submits sufficient proof of completion of the substantially equivalent training
21 to the department. No veteran or military medic applying for EMT certification who has
22 completed substantially equivalent emergency training with the United States Armed Forces, as
23 determined by the department, shall be required to complete the same training for EMT
24 certification or licensing in the commonwealth. The department shall issue a verification of EMT
25 training equivalency to the applicant upon a determination that the applicant's training, including
26 any substantially equivalent training received in the United States Armed Forces and accepted
27 pursuant to this section, satisfies the commonwealth's training requirements.