SENATE No. 2394

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 establishing a committee to study an appropriate location for a memorial to LGBT service members and veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Nick Collins	First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2394) of Nick Collins for legislation to establish a committee to study an appropriate location for a memorial to LGBT service members and veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act establishing a committee to study an appropriate location for a memorial to LGBT service members and 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 1. There shall be a special commission established to investigate and study the 2 history of LGBT service members and veterans in Massachusetts, and to determine an 3 appropriate location for a memorial to their service. The commission shall report its findings, 4 including any proposed legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the 5 joint committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs and the Department of Capital Asset 6 Management no later than June 1, 2023. 7 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of: 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall 8 serve as co-chair appointed by the Senate President, and 1 of whom shall be a member of the 9 minority party appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 members of the house of 10 representatives appointed by the Speaker, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair, and 1 of whom shall 11 be a member of the minority party appointed by the house minority leader; the house and senate 12 chairs of the joint committee on Veteran and Federal Affairs or their designees; the Secretary of

- 13 the Department on Veteran Services or a designee ; the commissioner of Veterans Services of the
- 14 city of Boston or a designee; the Adjutant General or designee; and 2 members appointed by the
- 15 Governor, selected from a list of 5 persons nominated by OutVets.