

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4031**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 29, 2016.

The committee on Revenue to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3688) of Donald H. Wong, Thomas M. McGee and RoseLee Vincent (by vote of the town) that the town of Saugus be authorized to designate a check-off box on its tax bills for the Saugus Veteran's Relief Fund, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4031) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

JAY R. KAUFMAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Saugus to designate a check-off box on its tax bills for the Saugus Veteran's Relief Fund.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The Town of Saugus may, subject to the approval of the commissioner of revenue,  
2 designate a place on its municipal property tax bills or motor vehicle excise tax bills or mail with  
3 such tax bills a separate form whereby taxpayers of the town can voluntarily check off, donate,  
4 and pledge an amount of money which shall increase the amount already due and which shall be  
5 paid over to the Saugus Veterans Relief Fund.

6           The purpose of this Veterans Relief Fund is to provide support for Saugus veterans and  
7 their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation, heat, and oil  
8 expenses.. The Saugus Veterans Services Department shall a) establish an application process for  
9 veterans and their dependents to obtain assistance; b) establish standards for acceptable  
10 documentation of veteran status or dependent status; and c) establish financial eligibility criteria  
11 for determining need and amount of assistance for eligible applicants. It shall be responsible for  
12 reviewing each applicant, and fairly applying these eligibility and level of need standards.