

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1736**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 post traumatic stress disorder designation on driver's licenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Benjamin B. Downing*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1736**

By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1736) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to establish a post traumatic stress disorder designation on driver's licenses. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act establishing a post traumatic stress disorder designation on driver's 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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 8M the following section:-

3 SECTION 8N. (a) A member of the armed services or a veteran who is diagnosed with  
4 post traumatic stress disorder may request to have a notation of such diagnosis placed on a  
5 Commonwealth issued driver's license or identification card. Such applicant shall present the  
6 registry of motor vehicles with a sworn statement from a person licensed to practice medicine or  
7 psychology in this state verifying such diagnosis. Applicant must provide the registry with  
8 permission to make public this diagnosis on their Commonwealth issued driver's license or  
9 identification card.

10 (b) The registrar shall establish procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
11 section including, without limitation, application forms to include a waiver of liability for the

- 12 release of any medical information and an appropriate symbol to be placed on the drivers'
- 13 licenses and identification cards.