HOUSE No. 3116

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald A. Parisella

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 increasing access to medical care for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jerald A. Parisella	6th Essex	
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex	
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	1/29/2013
Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth	1/30/2013
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	2/1/2013
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk	1/25/2013
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	2/1/2013
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	1/25/2013
John D. Keenan	7th Essex	2/1/2013
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/1/2013
Paul A. Schmid, III	8th Bristol	2/1/2013
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable	2/1/2013
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	
Richard T. Moore	Worcester and Norfolk	1/29/2013

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3116) of Jerald A. Parisella and others for legislation to authorize certain veterans to use facilities of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and regional transit authorities without cost to such veterans. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2656 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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

Section 5 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby 2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:—(s) The authority and any regional or local transportation

- authority in the Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States
 Department of Defense, to use commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to
- 5 said veteran; provided that said veteran is utilizing transportation to travel to or from a Veterans
- 6 Administration hospital for medical care; and provided further, that said veteran presents proof
- 7 of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the form of a notice from the Veterans
- 8 Administration indicating the veteran's name and the date and location of said appointment.