

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1732**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John Hart, Jr.*

*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 to allow veterans leave to attend VA medical appointments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*John Hart, Jr.*

*First Suffolk*

*Thomas J. Calter*

*12th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1732) of John Hart, Jr. and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to allow veterans leave to attend VA medical appointments. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2462 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to allow veterans leave to attend VA medical appointments.

*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 6A. Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 9H the following section: -

3 Section 9H ½. An employee of the commonwealth who is a veteran, as defined in clause  
4 Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, or who is a person on active service in the armed forces of  
5 the United States, as defined in said clause Forty-third of said section 7 of said chapter 4, or who  
6 is a person with a history of military service in the armed forces of the United States shall  
7 annually be permitted to take up to 40 hours of leave to attend medical appointments at a United  
8 States department of veterans affairs medical facility.