

HOUSE No. 3293

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 relative to the taxation of veterans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>James Arciero</i> | <i>2nd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>7th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> |

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3293) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to the public disclosure of veterans owing taxes. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the taxation of 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. Chapter 60 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 35 the following section:-

3 Section 35A. (a) No municipality shall publish or cause to be published the name, or
4 other individually identifying information, of a veteran still owing a tax pursuant to this chapter
5 after it has become due and payable.

6 (b) A municipality may communicate through the municipality’s veterans’ agent in order
7 to provide notice and information related to a tax due and payable under this chapter to the
8 veteran owing such tax.

9 SECTION 2. Section 21 of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “taxpayers”, in line 70, the
11 following words:- ; provided, however, that the name and address of a veteran shall not be
12 published as part of said list.