

HOUSE No. 1873

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:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>

<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1873) of Jerald A. Parisella and others for legislation to exempt certain veterans from fares for the use of facilities of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and regional transit authorities.
Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3057 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act increasing access to medical care for 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 5 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby 2 amended by adding at the end
2 thereof the following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation
3 authority in the Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States
4 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.