

SENATE No. 2025

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2025) of Richard J. Ross, Steven S. Howitt, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Carolyn C. Dykema and other members of the General Court for legislation to exempt veterans from the payment of fees for use of recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1910 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to 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 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 3G, the following section:-

3 Section 3H. Veterans, as defined by clause 43, section 7 of chapter 4, shall not be
4 required to pay charges and fees, including day-use parking fees and recreation visitor fees, for
5 entrance to public forest lands and public beaches under the control and care of the department of
6 conservation and recreation.

7 SECTION 2. Section 2D of chapter 132A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
8 out, in line 16, the words “disabled veteran” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-
9 Veterans, as defined by clause 43, section 7 of chapter 4.