

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3777**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Lawn, 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 relative to veterans housing advantage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3777) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and others relative to establishing veterans’ housing preferences. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to veterans housing advantage.

*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 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 9C the following section:-

3 Section 9D. A city or town that adopts or has adopted an inclusionary zoning ordinance  
4 or by-law may also adopt an ordinance or by-law establishing a veterans’ preference in private  
5 development. A city or town that adopts a veterans’ preference pursuant to this section may  
6 offer up to 10 per cent of the city or town’s low or moderate income housing inventory pursuant  
7 to sections 20 through 23, inclusive, of chapter 40B and its implementing regulations to a  
8 qualified veteran before the lottery process. This section shall not increase existing amount of  
9 such affordable units set by the city or town. A veteran who meets all existing requirements for  
10 eligibility for low or moderate income housing shall be eligible for such veterans’ preference;  
11 and the city or town may require proof of veteran status as the city or down deems necessary. If

- 12 no veteran is eligible for such veterans' preference units, said units shall revert back to the
- 13 general lottery.