

SENATE No. 2176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 veteran access to recreational lands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2176) of Patrick M. O'Connor and David F. DeCoste for legislation relative to veteran access to recreational lands. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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

An Act relative to veteran access to recreational lands.

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.