

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2810**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 secretary of veterans’ services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/24/2020</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>6/25/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>6/25/2020</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>6/25/2020</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/26/2020</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>

<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>6/29/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>7/1/2020</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/1/2020</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/1/2020</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>7/3/2020</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/6/2020</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/10/2020</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/13/2020</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2810) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush, Michael O. Moore, James B. Eldridge, Carole A. Fiola and other members of the General Court for legislation to make the Secretary of Veterans Services a cabinet level position. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the secretary of veterans’ services.

*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. Section 17a of Chapter 6 is hereby amended by adding after the word  
2 “transportation” the following:- “, the commissioner of veterans services,”

3 SECTION 2. Section 16 of chapter 6A is hereby amended in line 34 by striking out the  
4 words:- (5) the department of veterans’ services, who shall be appointed by the governor, which  
5 shall include the Soldiers’ Home in Massachusetts and the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke.

6 SECTION 3. Section 4M of Chapter 7 is hereby repealed.