

HOUSE No. 2185

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>2/10/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2185) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and others relative to establishing veterans’ housing preferences. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3777 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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