

HOUSE No. 3684

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald A. Parisella

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a commission to study veterans' transportation issues.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3684) of Jerald A. Parisella and Angelo L. D'Emilia for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) regarding veterans access to transportation for medical and other service-connected appointments. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3234 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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Resolve establishing a commission to study veterans’ transportation issues.

1 **Resolved**, There is hereby established a special commission to study and make
2 recommendations regarding veterans access to transportation for medical and other service-
3 connected appointments with the goal of expanding and improving transportation options for
4 veterans.

5 The commission shall consist of 11 members: 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall
6 be the chair of the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs, 1 of whom shall be the chair
7 of the joint committee on transportation and 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate who is
8 on the joint committee on veterans and federal affairs or the joint committee on transportation to
9 be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, or the members’ designee; the secretary of
10 transportation, or a designee; the secretary of veterans’ services, or a designee; 3 members of the
11 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee on veterans and

12 federal affairs, 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee on transportation and 1 of
13 whom shall be a member of the house of representatives who is on the joint committee on
14 veterans and federal affairs or the joint committee on transportation appointed by the minority
15 leader of the house of representatives, or the members' designee; and 5 members appointed by
16 the governor, who shall consist of members with specialized knowledge of veterans and/or
17 transportation issues. The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the senate
18 shall select 2 members from the commission membership to serve as co-chairpersons.

19 The commission may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and the public. The
20 commission shall review and identify best practices learned from similar efforts in other states.

21 The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study
22 and suggest an action plan and make recommendations together with drafts of legislation
23 necessary to carry out its recommendations by filing the report with the clerks of the senate and
24 the house of representatives and with the joint committees on veterans and federal affairs and
25 transportation 270 days after the formation of said committee.