

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2418**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2418) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to veteran access to recreational lands. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2176 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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