

HOUSE No. 3460

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas

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 concerning an exemption from payment of municipal parking meter fees by Purple Heart recipients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/9/2023</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>5/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3460) of Andres X. Vargas and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles establish a distinctive registration placard to exempt Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act concerning an exemption from payment of municipal parking meter fees by Purple Heart recipients.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the
2 following subsection:-

3 Section 2 1/2. Purple Heart Vehicle Placards

4 (a) The registrar shall furnish without charge to owners of private passenger motor
5 vehicles who are veterans as defined in said clause Forty-third of said section seven of said
6 chapter four who have been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and upon evidence deemed
7 satisfactory by the registrar, distinctive registration placards bearing the words, "ORDER OF
8 THE PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT" and the words "COMBAT WOUNDED" for one private
9 passenger motor vehicle owned and principally used by such Purple Heart recipient or a
10 distinctive emblem to be affixed to a "VETERAN" registration plate for a motorcycle or moped
11 owned and principally used by such recipient; provided that the surviving spouse of a deceased

12 recipient of the Purple Heart may elect to retain such distinctive registration placards or emblem
13 for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee for private passenger motor
14 vehicles or motorcycles and an additional annual twenty dollar fee until such time as such spouse
15 remarries or fails to renew or cancels such registration.

16 (b) A person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart is exempt from the payment of
17 municipal parking meter fees and Massachusetts State Parks when a Purple Heart recipient motor
18 vehicle displays Purple Heart license plates or a placard issued by the Massachusetts Registry of
19 Motor Vehicles, unless the vehicle has been parked in one location for more than 24 hours. The
20 exemption provided under this subsection shall apply only when the recipient of the Purple Heart
21 to whom the special license plates or placards have been issued is either the driver or a passenger
22 of the motor vehicle and shall not apply when the motor vehicle is parked for more than 24 hours
23 at one location where the motor vehicle is subject to a municipal parking meter fee.