

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3487**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Blais*

*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 to support veteran owned businesses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3487) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to the fee for filing certificates of organization for veteran owned businesses. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to support veteran owned businesses.

*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 12 of chapter 156C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following subsection:-

3 (e) If one or more of the authorized persons is a United States Veteran, as defined in  
4 clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 and upon presentation of evidence deemed  
5 satisfactory by the secretary of state, the fee for filing of the certificate of organization required  
6 by subsection (a) and the fee for the filing of the annual report required by subsection (c) shall be  
7 waived.

8 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall be effective commencing on January 1,  
9 2025.

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