

HOUSE No. 3538

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 emergency medical transportation provided to veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>

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By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3538) of Todd M. Smola, Margaret R. Scarsdale and F. Jay Barrows relative to emergency medical transportation provided to veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3696 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to emergency medical transportation provided to veterans.

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 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after section 5A, the following section :-

3 Section 5B. (a) The department of veteran services shall consider the full reimbursement
4 of expenses incurred by a veteran with 100% disability rating for emergency medical
5 transportation services to local hospitals or veteran’s affairs hospitals. Said veteran shall be
6 responsible for providing proof of disability, within a reasonable amount of time, considering the
7 medical condition of the veteran.