

SENATE No. 1322

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Pavel M. Payano

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 courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>

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By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1322) of Pavel M. Payano and Adam Scanlon for legislation relative to courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act relative to courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped 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 Chapter 40 of the General is hereby amended by inserting after section 22A3/4 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 22A5/6. (a) A municipality may designate a parking space in off street parking
4 lots, large retail parking lots and parking garages for the parking veteran in a motor vehicle that
5 is owned and operated by the veteran and that displays a veteran registration plate issued
6 pursuant to section 2 of chapter 90. The municipality shall be permitted to reserve not more than
7 two parking spaces in parking lots with more than one thousand parking spaces. Municipalities
8 shall also be permitted to reserve not more than two additional spaces for every additional five
9 hundred parking spaces in a parking lot. The municipality shall erect and maintain a sign
10 designating such a parking space that shall bear the words "Veteran Parking Only— this space is
11 reserved for those who have served. Unauthorized Vehicles May Be Removed At The Vehicle
12 Owner's Expense".

13 (b) A violation of subsection (a) shall be punished by a fine of \$100 and the city or town
14 may provide for the removal of a vehicle in the manner provided in section 22D. The penalty
15 shall not be a surchargeable offense under section 113B of chapter 175.

16 (c) The Chief Executive Officer, as defined in section 2 of Chapter 21D of the General
17 Laws, shall work with the owning or managing party of eligible parking lots and garages
18 pursuant to subsection (a) for the purposes of carrying out subsection (a).

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.