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# SENATE . . . . . No. 1960

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***John C. Velis***

*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 uniformity among veteran tax exemptions.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| *John C. Velis* | *Hampden and Hampshire* | |
| *David F. DeCoste* | *5th Plymouth* | *4/6/2023* |

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1960) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to uniformity among veteran tax exemptions. Revenue.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to uniformity among veteran tax exemptions.

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

Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following clause:

Twenty-Third, the assessor shall accept any award letter provided to the Veteran from the Veterans' Administration the exemptions available pursuant to clauses Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E and Twenty-second F. Assessors shall accept a disability affidavit, in lieu of a Veterans Affairs Disability Award Letter, provided the affidavit is signed by the Veterans' Service Office of their respective municipality, on a form prescribed by the Division of Local Services. Nothing in this clause shall be construed to authorize the assessor from requiring more information in subsequent years once eligibility for the exemption is established.