

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2353**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 Massachusetts Medal of Allegiance.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2353) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to Massachusetts Medal of Allegiance. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act Massachusetts Medal of Allegiance.

*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 33 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 67A the following section:-

3           Section 67C. There shall be a Massachusetts medal of Allegiance to be presented to a  
4 service member or veteran who; as the result of either combat-related post-traumatic stress  
5 disorder or a service-connected disease, condition or injury related to the exposure to harmful  
6 toxins, herbicides, agents or materials, where the exposure occurred while serving in the armed  
7 forces of the United States, active or reserve components, or the Massachusetts National Guard;  
8 has received a terminal diagnosis from a medical professional. A service member must have  
9 entered military service or state active duty from the commonwealth, have been a resident of the  
10 commonwealth at the time of diagnosis or have been a member of the Massachusetts national  
11 guard at the time of diagnosis. To be eligible, a service member or veteran must have served  
12 after December 6, 1941. The adjutant general or designee and 2 field grade officers of the armed  
13 forces of the commonwealth detailed by the commander-in-chief shall constitute a commission

- 14 to make recommendations to the commander-in-chief for the awarding of the Massachusetts
- 15 medal of Allegiance.