

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1017**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kelly W. Pease*

*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 provide priority antlerless deer permits for disabled veteran hunters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>

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By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1017) of Kelly W. Pease for legislation to provide antlerless deer permits for disabled veteran hunters. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to provide priority antlerless deer permits for disabled veteran hunters.

*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. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend its  
2 regulations to grant priority access to Antlerless Deer Permits (ADPs) for veteran hunters who  
3 have a disability certified by the VA. In areas where the demand for ADPs exceeds the available  
4 permits, certified disabled veteran hunters shall be guaranteed the issuance of an ADP before any  
5 other applicants.

6           SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish an  
7 application process for certified disabled veteran hunters to apply for priority ADPs. This process  
8 shall include criteria for certifying disability status and the procedures for applying for these  
9 permits.

10          SECTION 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.