

HOUSE No. 1017

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)**

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.