

HOUSE No. 2853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 PTSD and accidental disability.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>

<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Bridget Plouffe</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Swezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/15/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>6/2/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/6/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>6/20/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/18/2025</i>

HOUSE No. 2853

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2853) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to PTSD and accidental disability. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to PTSD and accidental disability.

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. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of section 7 of chapter 32 of the general
2 laws, as appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended in line 182 by adding the
3 following paragraph:

4 Lapse of time or failure to file notice of an injury sustained or hazard undergone as
5 provided for in subdivision (1) of this section or subdivision (1) of section 9, as the case may be,
6 shall also not be a bar to proceedings under either of such sections if such members or
7 beneficiaries are filing for benefits under this section or section nine on the basis of an emotional
8 or psychological injury. In that case, such members or beneficiaries may use the official records
9 of the employer to establish proof of an injury sustained or hazard undergone. The official record
10 must show that the member responded to and was directly involved in an incident or incidents.
11 The incident or incidents need not have occurred within 2 years of the date of application.