

HOUSE No. 3838

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Duffy

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 support veteran owned businesses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3838) of Patricia A. Duffy and Natalie M. Blais relative to the fee for filing certificates of organization for veteran owned businesses. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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

An Act to support veteran owned businesses.

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 12 of chapter 156C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following subsection:-

3 (e) If one or more of the authorized persons is a United States Veteran, as defined in
4 clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 and upon presentation of evidence deemed
5 satisfactory by the secretary of state, the fee for filing of the certificate of organization required
6 by subsection (a) and the fee for the filing of the annual report required by subsection (c) shall be
7 waived.