

HOUSE No. 3857

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick Joseph Kearney

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 amending the definition of veteran.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/7/2025</i> |
| <i>Thomas W. Moakley</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>7/3/2025</i> |

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By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3857) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the definition of veteran. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3671 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act amending the definition of veteran.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The language of M.G.L. ch. 4, s.7, clause 43 part (b) is hereby amended by adding after
- 2 the words "coast guard" the following words: "United States NOAA Corps, United States Public
- 3 Health Service, United States Space Force"