

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3873**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward R. Philips*

*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 amend the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>4/22/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>4/22/2025</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3873) of Edward R. Philips relative to the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3529 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to amend the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia.

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

1 Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, in Section 15(a), in line  
2 3, by adding after the word “general.” the following:

3 “The adjutant general shall be the commanding general of all military forces, organized  
4 militia units, and the military division of the Commonwealth.”

5 And by striking, in Section 15(b), the following: “provided, however, that the adjutant  
6 general shall not personally exercise command of troops.”