

HOUSE No. 3878

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Allen Robertson

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 veteran disability benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>10/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3878) of David Allen Robertson relative to veteran disability benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3926 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to veteran disability benefits.

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. Section 6B of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 19, 28 and 35, the figure “\$2,000”,
3 each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-
4 \$5,000.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 6B of said chapter 115, as so appearing, is hereby further
6 amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph:-

7 A veteran who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, symptoms of Persian Gulf
8 illness, or injuries connected to tainted, poisoned or adulterated water at Camp Lejeune and such
9 disorder, illness, or injuries have been certified by the Veterans’ Administration as service-
10 connected and who is determined to be 80 per cent disabled by the Veterans’ Administration

- 11 shall be paid the sum of \$5,000 annually in 2 equal payments on August 1 and February 1. Such
- 12 payments shall be due and payable from the date of the application.