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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:
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*1/16/2025*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*10/14/2025*

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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:

SECTION 1. Section 6B of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 19, 28 and 35, the figure "$2,000", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- $5,000.

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

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

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