

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3883**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alan Silvia*

*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 disability benefits for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
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<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>5/12/2025</i>

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By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3883) of Alan Silvia and others relative to disability benefits for veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to disability benefits for veterans.

*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 5 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "made", in line 36, the following words: "; and  
3 provided further that, the effective date of an award of disability compensation to a veteran shall  
4 be the day following the date of the veteran's discharge or release if application therefor is  
5 received within 1 year from such date of discharge or release."