

HOUSE No. 4088

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Estela A. Reyes

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 a commission to redetermine the definition of disabled veteran in the laws and regulations for the registry of motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Reyes of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4088) of Estela A. Reyes for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to modernizing the language defining disabled veterans pursuant to registry of motor vehicle laws. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to a commission to redetermine the definition of disabled veteran in the laws and regulations for the registry of motor vehicles.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to assist disabled veterans, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 (a) There shall be a special commission established to modernize the language defining
2 disabled veteran pursuant to the eighth paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws
3 and in all other registry of motor vehicle laws and regulations pertaining to disabled veterans.

4 (b) The commission shall consist of 9 members that shall include: the director of the
5 registry of motor vehicles or the director's designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the veteran
6 advocate of the office of the veteran advocate or the advocate's designee, who shall serve as co-
7 chair; 1 member appointed by the attorney general that shall be a representative from Disability
8 Law Center; 1 member appointed by the Disabled American Veterans that shall be an expert in
9 veteran prosthetics; 1 member appointed by the governor that shall be a representative from the

10 city of Boston's US Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system that shall be a senior
11 health care provider and researcher; 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house of
12 representatives that shall be members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be a
13 veteran; and 2 members appointed by the senate president that shall be members of the senate, 1
14 of whom shall be a veteran.

15 (c) The commission shall prepare a report on its activities and on any findings and
16 recommendations for proposed legislation. Not later than 1 year after the enactment of the
17 special commission, the report shall be submitted to the: (i) chairs of the joint committee on
18 veterans and federal affairs; (ii) chairs of the joint committee on transportation; (iii) chairs of the
19 senate and house committees on ways and means; and (iv) offices of the house and senate clerk.