

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam J. Scanlon

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 increasing access to medical care for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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

An Act increasing access to medical care 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 161A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation authority in the
3 Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States Department of
4 Defense, to use commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to said veteran;
5 provided that said veteran is utilizing transportation to travel to or from a Veterans
6 Administration hospital for medical care; and provided further, that said veteran presents proof
7 of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the form of a notice from the Veterans
8 Administration indicating the veteran’s name and the date and location of said appointment.