

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 PTSD and Accidental Disability.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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

An Act Relative to PTSD and Accidental Disability.

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. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of section 7 of chapter 32 of the general
2 laws, as appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended in line 182 by adding the
3 following paragraph:

4 Lapse of time or failure to file notice of an injury sustained or hazard undergone as
5 provided for in subdivision (1) of this section or subdivision (1) of section 9, as the case may be,
6 shall also not be a bar to proceedings under either of such sections if such members or
7 beneficiaries are filing for benefits under this section or section nine on the basis of an emotional
8 or psychological injury. In that case, such members or beneficiaries may use the official records
9 of the employer to establish proof of an injury sustained or hazard undergone. The official record
10 must show that the member responded to and was directly involved in an incident or incidents.
11 The incident or incidents need not have occurred within 2 years of the date of application.