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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 the civilian certification of military medical personnel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to the civilian certification of military medical personnel.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 9K the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 9L. (a) For the purposes of this section, "military medical personnel" shall mean  
4 an individual who has served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the  
5 United States Air Force, corpsman in the United States Navy or health services technician in the  
6 United States Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under  
7 conditions other than dishonorable. In order to be eligible for participation in the program  
8 established pursuant to this section, the military medical personnel shall be: (i) an active-duty  
9 transitioning service member, (ii) a veteran, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of  
10 chapter 4, who has been discharged from service no longer than 1 year prior to the date of  
11 application to the program, or (iii) a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of  
13 veterans' services, in cooperation with the department of public health and the bureau of health  
14 professions licensure, shall establish a program through which military medical personnel may  
15 practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute the practice of medicine under the  
16 order and supervision of a registered physician in the commonwealth, licensed pursuant to this  
17 chapter; provided, that such acts shall reflect the level of training and experience of the military  
18 medical personnel and shall be within the scope of services for which the supervising physician  
19 can provide adequate supervision to ensure that accepted standards of medical practice are  
20 followed. The supervising physician shall retain responsibility for the care of the patient.

21 (c) Any licensed physician, professional corporation of registered physicians pursuant to  
22 chapter 156A, or licensed hospital or clinic may submit an application to the department of  
23 public health to be certified as a participating facility in the program pursuant to this section. The  
24 department of public health, in cooperation with the bureau of health professions licensure may,  
25 at their discretion, approve other facilities, organizations or locations in which military medical  
26 personnel may practice medicine under the conditions herein described.

27 (d) The department of veterans' services, in cooperation with the department of public  
28 health and the bureau of health professions licensure, shall establish program requirements for  
29 participating military medical personnel, supervising physicians, licensees, and employers,  
30 including, but not limited to, special limited registration for participating military medics, and the  
31 bureau of health professions licensure shall promulgate regulations to implement the program  
32 pursuant to this section.