

HOUSE No.

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>

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

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."