

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1788**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael D. Brady***

*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:                                 |                  |
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| <i>Michael D. Brady</i>      | <i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>                |                  |
| <i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>      | <i>9th Norfolk</i>                                | <i>1/22/2025</i> |
| <i>Steven George Xiarhos</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i>                             | <i>1/23/2025</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i>         | <i>7th Worcester</i>                              | <i>1/23/2025</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i>           | <i>11th Worcester</i>                             | <i>1/28/2025</i> |
| <i>John F. Keenan</i>        | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>                       | <i>1/29/2025</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>     | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>                      | <i>1/30/2025</i> |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>     | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>           | <i>2/10/2025</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i>      | <i>2nd Bristol</i>                                | <i>2/10/2025</i> |
| <i>Pavel M. Payano</i>       | <i>First Essex</i>                                | <i>3/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Nick Collins</i>          | <i>First Suffolk</i>                              | <i>3/28/2025</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>   | <i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>                 | <i>4/2/2025</i>  |
| <i>Paul W. Mark</i>          | <i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i> | <i>4/9/2025</i>  |
| <i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>   | <i>Third Essex</i>                                | <i>4/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i>        | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>                        | <i>4/28/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>     | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>                    | <i>5/16/2025</i> |

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1788) of Michael D. Brady, Marcus S. Vaughn, Steven George Xiarhos, Paul K. Frost and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to PTSD and accidental disability retirement. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 Paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of section 7 of chapter 32 of the general laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended in line 182 by adding the following  
3 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.