

SENATE No. 2487

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 uniformity in veteran benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>9/22/2025</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2487) of Michael F. Rush and Paul
McMurtry for legislation relative to uniformity in veteran benefits. Veterans and Federal
Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2346 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to uniformity in veteran benefits.

*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 115, Section 5 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after paragraph 7, the following:-

3 "The Secretary of Veterans' Services shall promulgate regulations ensuring that no
4 deposits under three hundred dollars per month may be counted as income for the purposes of
5 determining eligibility under MGL, Chapter 115. Nothing herein precludes the Secretary or
6 Veterans Service Officers from using this, or any information in bank statements provided to
7 them to further their investigation to determine eligibility for benefits under this chapter."