

SENATE No. 2488

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 dependent eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</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. 2488) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to dependent eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2347 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to dependent eligibility for Chapter 115 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 Section 1 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended in line 18, by inserting after the words “carried on” the following:-

3 “Dependents of Veterans who meet all eligibility criteria except for the one day residence
4 in the commonwealth, shall be eligible for benefits under this chapter provided a dependent
5 provides proof of residency in Massachusetts for no less than one year prior to application of
6 benefits.