

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2494**

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**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 dental benefits for veterans.

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>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2494) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation to further define dental benefit assistance for veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to dental 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 2 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as amended by section 72 of Chapter 178  
2 of the Acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking the words “the dental assistance benefit shall  
3 include, but not be limited to, coverage for the cost of those necessary medical visits, procedures,  
4 prescriptions and other such treatments as the secretary shall determine through regulations. The  
5 secretary shall, by regulation or otherwise, make provision to keep the program efficient and  
6 economical.” And inserting in place thereof, the following:-

7 The dental assistance benefit shall include, but not be limited to, coverage for the cost of  
8 those necessary medical visits, procedures, prescriptions, dental insurance, and other such  
9 treatments as the secretary shall determine through regulations. The secretary shall, by regulation  
10 or otherwise, make provision to keep the program efficient and economical.