

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael F. Rush*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk and Suffolk*

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

**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 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."