

SENATE No.

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:

Michael F. Rush

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Suffolk

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**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.