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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2656

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald A. Parisella

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 increasing access to medical care for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jerald A. Parisella	*6th Essex*
David B. Sullivan	*6th Bristol*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Bruce E. Tarr	
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2656) of Dykema and others for legislation to authorize certain veterans to use facilities of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and regional transit authorities without cost to such veterans Joint Committee on Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3786* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act increasing access to medical care 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:

Section 5 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby 2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation authority in the Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States Department of Defense, to use commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to said veteran; provided that said veteran is utilizing transportation to travel to or from a Veterans Administration hospital for medical care; and provided further, that said veteran presents proof of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the form of a notice from the Veterans Administration indicating the veteran's name and the date and location of said appointment.