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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Statement Concerning Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

A statement of Representative Peisch of Wellesley concerning Representative Garcia of Chelsea was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Garcia of Chelsea, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to her attending of her wedding outside of the Commonwealth. If she could be present today, she would vote in the affirmative on passing to be engrossed the House Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement concerning Ms. Garcia of Chelsea.

Statements Concerning Representative Pignatelli of Lenox.

A statement of Representative Michael J. Moran of Boston concerning Representative Pignatelli of Lenox was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Pignatelli of Lenox, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to personal business outside of the country. If he could be present today, he would vote in the affirmative on passing to be engrossed the House Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans. His missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement concerning Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced Maura Flynn and Katie Labadin of the Melanoma Action Coalition. The Chair (Mr. Donato) then commended the coalition for recognizing May as Skin Cancer Prevention and Detection Month. They were the guests of the Chair.

Maura Flynn and Katie Labadin.

Resolutions.

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The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Chan of Quincy) recognizing the month of May 2024 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day;

Cystic Fibrosis
Awareness Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Giannino of Revere and other members of the House) commending the National Brain Tumor Society Inc. for its recognition of May 2024 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month; and

Brain Tumor
Awareness
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Vitolo of Brookline) recognizing the fortieth annual “What JFK Means To Me” ceremony at the John F. Kennedy National Historic Site;

JFK
ceremony.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4663) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Cindy F. Friedman and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Lexington,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4664) of Alice Hanlon Peisch, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to satisfy legal notice requirements by digital publication. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Lincoln,—
digital legal
notices.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alicia Orlow, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Alicia
Orlow,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses be granted until May 29, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4065, relative to improving and modernizing planning and community development in the city of Boston.

Community
Development and
Small Businesses
committee,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden, the order (Senate, No. 2750, amended) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until June 30, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 313, 906, 916, 920, 936, 938, 941, 942, 947, 955, 962, 972, 973, 977, 980, 982, 991, 1000, 1009, 1011, 1016, 1036, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1050, 1053, 1060, 1069, 1098, 1101, 1104, 1108, 1114, 1129, 1130, 1140, and 2483, relative to judicial matters.

Judiciary committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2759) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A report of the committee on Election Laws, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2730) of Barry R. Finegold and Frank A. Moran for legislation relative to deceptive and fraudulent deepfakes in election communications,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Elections,—
deep fakes.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill relative to the discharge of spent fuel pool water (House, No. 2302);

Pool water.

Of the Bill establishing a commission to study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers (House, No. 2322); and

P.T.S.D.
study.

Of the Bill relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures (House, No. 4596);

Evidentiary
procedures.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports were severally considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to provide reproductive health care to incarcerated individuals (House, No. 2371) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
reproductive
health care.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to remove medical and health service fees for incarcerated people (House, No. 2372) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
service fees.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring health care facilities to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2381) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Workplace
violence,—
prevention.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the postpartum treatment of women in correctional facilities (House, No. 2404) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Incarcerated,—
postpartum
treatment.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

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By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to promote business continuity and recovery after a disaster (printed as Senate, No. 1583).	Disaster recovery.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to 3D printed guns and ghost guns (House, No. 2360) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Ghost guns.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an institute within the Department of Public Health (House, No. 2362) [Senator Velis and Representative Zlotnik of Gardner dissenting].	Firearm violence institute.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to close the large capacity magazine loophole (House, No. 2363) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Large capacity ammunition gun feeding devices.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require liability insurance for gun ownership (House, No. 2364) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Liability insurance,—gun owners.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent illegal trafficking and gun violence among youth in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2368) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Gun violence,—prevention.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to close gun dealer loopholes (House, No. 2370) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Firearms,—sales and licensing.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a board of hoisting machinery regulations (House, No. 2374) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Hoisting machinery.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a smart gun technology task force (House, No. 2385) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Smart gun technology task force.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to legacy firefighters (House, No. 2393) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Legacy firefighters.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the requirement of explosive gas sensor devices (House, No. 2396) [Senator Velis and Representative and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Explosive gas sensor devices.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a fresh start (House, No. 2413) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].	Fresh start program.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to American Sign Language Training (House, No. 2414) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Sign language.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 2416) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Hospitality workers,—training.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the availability of personal floatation devices at certain municipal and recreational programs and camps (House, No. 2419) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Personal floatation devices.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency response in an active shooter or hostile event situation (House, No. 2421) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Emergency response.
By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a fund for the care of retired police dogs (House, No. 2424) [Senator Velis dissenting].	Police dogs,—fund.

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By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to landscape sprinkler systems (House, No. 3638) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

Landscape sprinkler systems.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill banning semi-automatic firearms (House, No. 2361) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner, Vieira of Falmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Semi-automatic firearms.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring live fire practice for a firearms license (House, No. 2365) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

Firearms licensing.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify the prosecution of illegal guns (House, No. 2366) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

Illegal guns.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to universal background checks for private gun sales (House, No. 2367) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

Guns,— background checks.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to raise the age for possession of a firearm (House, No. 2369) [Senator Velis and Representatives Zlotnik of Gardner, Vieira of Falmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Guns,— age limits.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to armed private security information (House, No. 2377) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Armed security,— badge information. Refrigerants.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the phasedown of HFCs (House, No. 2383) [Senator Velis dissenting].

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing child safety (House, No. 2384) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Window guards,— residential units.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to swimming pool alarms (House, No. 2389) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Swimming pool alarms.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to kayak safety (House, No. 2405) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Kayaks,— safety.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to furthering the success of opiate intervention programs (House, No. 2406) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Opiates,— intervention.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to overdose fatalities (House, No. 2418) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Overdose fatalities.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions (House, No. 2422) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Corrections,— exercise equipment.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing advanced life support to police dogs injured in the line of duty (House, No. 2423) [Senator Velis dissenting].

Police dogs,— life support.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating the discharge of fireworks in densely populated neighborhoods (House, No. 3634) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

Fireworks.

By Mr. González, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical parole (House, No. 3635) [Senator Velis and Representative Vieira dissenting].

Medical parole.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill raising awareness of Mitochondrial Disease in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4240), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was taken from its position in the Orders of the Day, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Mitochondrial disease.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Eliminating the residency requirement for the town manager of the town of Andover (see Senate, No. 2580) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Raising awareness of mitochondrial disease in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4240, amended); and

Authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (see House, No. 4649);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (printed in House, No. 4172, changed), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4661). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Veterans.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on passing the bill to be engrossed, at two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair.; and at thirteen minutes before five o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) Mr. Pease of Westfield and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 24, in lines 193 to 199, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines.

After debate the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Kearney of Scituate then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 122. The language of M.G.L. ch. 4, s.7, clause 43 part (b) is hereby amended by adding after the words ‘coast guard’ the following words: ‘United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, United States Public Health Service, United States Space Force’.”

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

Consolidated amendments.

“SECTION 1. Section 6A of chapter 2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 3 paragraphs:-

(h) In the event of the death of any military service member performing military duty under official orders, who is killed while in an active duty status, including, but not limited to, a member of the United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States National Guard, United States Army Reserves and United States Space Force, and residing in the commonwealth, from the day of death until sunset of the day of interment, the flag of the commonwealth shall be flown at half-staff in accordance with such orders or instructions as may be issued by, or at the direction of, the governor.

(i) In the event the remains of a POW or a MIA are repatriated within the commonwealth, from the day of arrival within the commonwealth through the day of interment the flag of the commonwealth shall be flown at half-staff.

(j) Annually, on national POW/MIA recognition day, observed on the third Friday of September, from sunrise to sunset the flag of the commonwealth shall be flown at half-staff.

SECTION 1A. Section 34 of said chapter 2, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- executive office.”;

By inserting after section 7 the following section:

“SECTION 7A. Chapter 23K of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 20 the following section:-

Section 20A. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

‘Limited slot machine establishment’, the premises owned or leased by a veterans’ organization for use by its members in good standing.

‘Limited slot machine license’, a gaming license issued by the commission that permits a veterans’ organization to operate a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 5 slot machines at a limited slot machine establishment.

‘Limited slot machine licensee’, a veterans’ organization that holds a limited slot machine license for its limited slot machine establishment.

‘Local licensing authority’, the local licensing authority in the city or town in which the limited slot machine establishment is located.

‘Veterans’ organization’, any veterans’ organization that is: (i) incorporated by the Congress of the United States; and (ii) included in section 4E of chapter 9.

(b)(1) The commission may issue a limited slot machine license to veterans’ organizations in the commonwealth.

(2) A limited slot machine license shall only be issued to a veterans’ organization that: (i) has been organized and actively functioning as a veterans’ organization for not less than 5 years prior to being issued a license; (ii) has received the approval of the local licensing authority; and (iii) has been deemed suitable and qualified pursuant to regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) No limited slot machine license issued to a veterans’ organization pursuant to this section shall be transferred or assigned.

(c) A limited slot machine license issued by the commission pursuant to this section may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the commission or upon written request to the commission by the local licensing authority. The suspension or revocation of a license issued pursuant to this section may be appealed by the limited slot machine licensee to the full commission, and the commission shall hear the appeal on the record. The decision rendered by the commission after the hearing shall be final and the licensee shall not be entitled to further review; provided, however, that in the case of a license revocation, the licensee shall be entitled to reapply for a license not less than 5 years from the date in which the final decision of the commission was issued.

(d) A limited slot machine licensee shall limit the promotion, operation of and access to slot machines to members in good standing of the veterans’ organization; provided, that no member of the veterans’ organization holding a limited slot machine license shall receive remuneration in any form for time or effort devoted to the promotion or operation of the slot machines. No member of the general public shall be permitted access to any slot machine in a limited slot machine establishment.

(e) The profits of any slot machines shall be the property of the limited slot machine licensee, and shall be used for charitable, fraternal or civic purposes, including, but not limited to, veterans’ benefits.

(f) A limited slot machine license issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of 5 years. The commission shall establish procedures for application and renewal and may establish a fee for application or renewal not to exceed \$500. Application and renewal fees shall be deposited into the Gaming Revenue Fund established in section 59.

(g) Each licensee shall keep accurate records and books showing: (i) the total amount of all monies deposited by members in good standing of the veterans’ organization who played the slot machines located in the limited slot machine establishment; (ii) the expenses incurred; and (iii) the name and address of each person receiving greater than \$100 in winnings in a 24-hour period. A separate checking account shall be kept of receipts and expenditures. Money for expenses shall be withdrawn only by checks having preprinted consecutive numbers and made payable to a specific person or corporation. No check shall be made payable to cash. All monies expended for said charitable, fraternal or civic purposes shall be duly and accurately recorded as to specific amounts expended and the purposes for which said amounts were expended. Proceeds from the operation of the slot machines shall be kept in a separate bank account and the licensee shall file an annual report on or before December 31 of each year of the charitable, fraternal and civic disbursements made during the preceding year with the commission and the local licensing authority in

such form as the commission may prescribe. Such annual report shall be a public record. The commission and the local licensing authority, or their duly authorized agents or representatives, shall at all times have access to the limited slot machine establishment, as well as the records and books of any licensee for the purpose of examining and checking the same.

(h) Each licensee shall file a return with the commission, on a form prepared by the commission, and shall pay therewith a tax of 5 per cent of the gross profits derived from the slot machines located in the limited slot machine establishment, which shall be deposited into the Gaming Revenue Fund established in section 59.

(i) No person under 21 years of age shall be permitted in the portion of any building or premises of the licensee during such time as a slot machine is being played.

(j) A limited slot machine establishment shall keep conspicuously posted on their premises a notice containing the following statement: 'If you or someone you know has a gambling problem and wants help, call the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health on the Safer Gaming Education Line at 1-800-426-1234 or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health helpline at 1-800-327-5050.'

(k) Limited slot machine licensees shall only acquire slot machines from a person licensed as a gaming vendor under section 31.

(l) The commission shall, consistent with the public objectives of this chapter established in section 1, promulgate regulations for the implementation, administration and enforcement of this section including, without limitation, regulations that prescribe: (i) the method and form of application which an applicant for licensure shall follow and complete before consideration by the commission; (ii) the information to be furnished by an applicant for a limited slot machine license or for the renewal of a limited slot machine license; (iii) suitability standards for applicants for licensure pursuant to this section; (iv) the criteria for evaluation of the application for a limited slot machine license and qualifications for licensure pursuant to this section; (v) the information to be furnished by a veterans' organization relating to the members of the veterans' organization tasked with managing the slot machines; (vi) criteria for eligibility for licensure under this section; (vii) conditions on the operation and control of a limited slot machine establishment; and (viii) grounds and procedures for the revocation or suspension of a limited slot machine license.';

By striking out sections 9 and 10 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

"SECTION 9. Paragraph (h) of subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth subparagraph and inserting in place thereof the following subparagraph:-

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a member in service of a retirement system as defined in section 1 shall be provided written notice by the retirement board upon entry into service that if they qualify as a veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States they shall be entitled to credit for active service in the armed services of the United States; provided, however, that such active service shall not be credited until such member, prior to or within 1 year of vesting pursuant to this chapter, has paid into the annuity savings fund of such system, in 1 sum or in installments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, makeup payments, for each year of creditable service sought, of an amount equal to the 10 per cent of the regular annual compensation of the member when said member entered the retirement system; provided further, that such creditable service shall not be construed to include service for more than 4 years; and provided further, that such creditable service shall

not be allowed for any period of active service for which said veteran has received credit pursuant to this paragraph . This paragraph shall apply to national guard and active reserve personnel, both former and present. Creditable service time, both enlisted and commissioned, may be applied toward retirement on a ratio of 5 years national guard service or 5 years active reserve service substitutable for each year of active service. National guard and active reserve personnel shall not be precluded from making said purchase should they qualify as a veteran after vesting or if they reach the maximum of 4 years of eligible service purchase subsequent to vesting and qualifying as a veteran; provided, that they enter into a purchase agreement within 5 years of the last occurring event.

SECTION 10. Section 67A of chapter 33 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Next of kin of a fallen service member may apply to the adjutant general for a medal of liberty, in a form prescribed by the adjutant general. There shall be within the application for the medal of liberty a notification that informs applicants of their eligibility to receive the medal of liberty license plate, pursuant to section 2 of chapter 90, free of charge upon approval of the application. The notification shall read as follows: IF YOU RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF LIBERTY, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF LIBERTY LICENSE PLATE FREE OF CHARGE. APPLY AT <https://www.mass.gov/doc/application-for-medal-of-liberty-plates>.”;

By inserting after section 11 the following section:

“SECTION 11A. Section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 101 to 103, inclusive, the words ‘medical advisory board established under section 8C of chapter 90 to be permanently disabled’, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- United States Department of Veterans Affairs to: (i) have a combined service-connected disability rating of 100 per cent; or (ii) be individually unemployable due to their service-connected disability.”;

By inserting after section 23 the following section:

“SECTION 23A. The twenty-third paragraph of said section 2 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The registrar, in consultation with the adjutant general of the Massachusetts national guard, shall notify all past recipients of the medal of liberty, established pursuant to said section 67A of said chapter 33, of their eligibility for the medal of liberty license plate through a letter, which shall include the application for the medal of liberty license plate.”;

By inserting after section 24 the following section:

“SECTION 24A. Section 33 of said chapter 90, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (29) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

(29) No fee shall be exacted for the registration of any vehicle owned by a veteran who has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to: (i) have a combined service-connected disability rating of 100 per cent; or (ii) be individually unemployable due to their service-connected disability, and no fee shall be exacted for the issuance to such disabled veteran of a license to operate such vehicle.”;

By inserting after section 30 the following two sections:

“SECTION 30A. Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 111C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause (26) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 clauses:-

(26) establish standards for determining the extent to which the education and training requirements of veterans and military medics of the United States armed

forces are substantially equivalent to the course and training requirements of emergency medical technicians in the commonwealth and promulgate regulations for the waiver of any equivalent course or training requirement for certification completed by veterans and military medics of the United States armed forces seeking certification as an emergency medical technician in the commonwealth; and

(27) take any other action consistent with its role as state lead agency for EMS.

SECTION 30B. Said chapter 111C is hereby further amended by inserting after section 9A the following section:-

Section 9B. (a) The department may grant a waiver to veterans or military medics of the United States armed forces applying to be an emergency medical technician consistent with standards established pursuant to clause (26) of subsection (b) of section 3 if the completed courses or training required by the United States armed forces are substantially equivalent to training consistent with this chapter for emergency medical technicians.

(b) The applicant for a waiver pursuant to subsection (a) shall submit sufficient proof of completion of the substantially equivalent courses and training to the department.

(c) No veteran or military medic applying to be an emergency medical technician who has completed substantially equivalent emergency training with the United States armed forces, as determined by the department, shall be required to complete the same training for EMT certification or licensing in the commonwealth.

(d) The department shall issue a verification of emergency medical technician education and training equivalency if the department determines the completed courses or training required by the United States armed forces are substantially equivalent to training consistent with this chapter for emergency medical technicians.”;

By inserting after section 46 the following section:

“SECTION 46A. Said chapter 115 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2D the following section:-

Section 2E. (a) The secretary, in consultation with the secretary of labor and workforce development, shall create and distribute a veterans’ benefits and services notice.

(b) The veterans’ benefits and services notice shall include information regarding the services and resources available to veterans, including, but not limited to: (i) contact and website information for the executive office of veterans’ services and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; (ii) substance abuse and mental health treatment resources; (iii) educational, workforce and training resources; (iv) tax benefits resources; (v) information about obtaining a veteran indicator on a state driver’s license or identification card; (vi) information about eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits under state and federal law; (vii) legal services resources; and (viii) contact information for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line.

(c) Every employer in the commonwealth with more than 50 full-time employees shall post the notice created pursuant to subsection (a) in a conspicuous location in the workplace accessible to employees and shall distribute the notice to each employee at the start of employment and on an annual basis.”; and

In section 115, in lines 579 and 580, by striking out the words “and third paragraphs” and inserting in place thereof the word “paragraph”.

On the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Consolidated
amendments
adopted,—

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 108](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, (Speaker Mariano of Quincy having taken the Chair) the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Cassidy of Brockton; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 109](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4671, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

yea and nay
No. 108.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 109.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-six minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Speaker Mariano of Quincy being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.