

HOUSE No. 3202

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the appointment of veterans agents and service officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

12th Worcester

Thomas J. Calter

12th Plymouth

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3202) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. and Thomas J. Calter relative to the appointment of veterans agents and service officers. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 961 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the appointment of veterans agents and service officers.

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 1. Section 3 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000
2 Official Edition, is

3 hereby amended by deleting the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:-

5 The Mayor of each city, except Boston, and the selectmen of each town, shall appoint a
6 veterans' agent/veterans'

7 service officer to act for him or them in the disbursement of veterans' benefits by such
8 city or town; provided,

9 however, that in each town having a part time veterans' agent/veterans' service officer the
10 town clerk shall receive

11 applications and assist applicants for veterans' benefits, and shall submit said applications
12 to the veterans'

13 agent/veterans' service officer. Two or more contiguous towns may, by vote of the
14 selectmen, and subject to the
15 approval of the commissioner, appoint one full time veterans' agent/veterans' service
16 officer and such additional staff
17 as necessary, and may apportion the payment of compensation among such towns. The
18 appointment of a veterans'
19 agent/veterans' service officer shall not create a civil service position. Any person who is
20 appointed to the position
21 of veterans' agent/veterans' service officer and certified by the Massachusetts Department
22 of Veterans' Services as a
23 trained veterans' agent/veterans' service officer and who has held such position for not
24 less than three years, shall not
25 be involuntarily separated and shall have the same rights and protection granted to any
26 veteran under section 9A of
27 chapter 30 of the General Laws, notwithstanding that his or her prior appointments were
28 for a fixed term.