

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3235**

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**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:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>

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By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3235) of Jerald A. Parisella and others relative to increasing access to medical care for veterans by providing use of commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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:*

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