

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3516**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael P. Kushmerek***

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*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 dependent eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3516) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to dependent eligibility for veterans' benefits. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to dependent eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits.

*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 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended in line 18, by inserting after the words “carried on” the following:-

3           “Dependents of Veterans who meet all eligibility criteria except for the one day residence  
4 in the commonwealth, shall be eligible for benefits under this chapter provided a dependent  
5 provides proof of residency in Massachusetts for no less than one year prior to application of  
6 benefits.