

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3529**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward R. Philips and Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 to amend the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representatives Philips of Sharon and Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3529) of Edward R. Philips and Bruce J. Ayers relative to the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act to amend the general officer designation in the state staff of the militia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, in Section 15(a), in line  
2 3, by adding after the word “general.” the following:

3 “The adjutant general shall be the commanding general of all military forces, organized  
4 militia units, and the military division of the Commonwealth.”

5 And by striking, in Section 15(b), the following: “provided, however, that the adjutant  
6 general shall not personally exercise command of troops.”