

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3643**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carolyn C. Dykema*

*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 the hiring of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3643) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the hiring of veterans for state park ranger positions. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the hiring of 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 1. Section 9 of chapter 8 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “superintendent”, in lines 22 to  
3 23, inclusive, the following words:- ; provided, further that when considering applicants for such  
4 urban park ranger positions, the commissioner shall follow the rules and regulations developed  
5 for the hiring of rangers regarding preferential consideration of applicants who are veterans as  
6 provided for in section 68 of chapter 21.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
8 adding the following section:-

9 Section 68. When considering applicants for state park ranger positions, the department  
10 shall develop rules and regulations for the hiring of rangers that includes guidelines for  
11 preferential consideration of applicants who are veterans as defined under section 1 of Chapter  
12 31 of the General Laws.

13           SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 34B of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as so  
14 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- When considering applicants  
15 for the park ranger program, positions, the commissioner of the department of conservation and  
16 recreation shall develop rules and regulations for the hiring of rangers that includes guidelines  
17 for preferential consideration of applicants who are veterans as defined under section 1 of  
18 Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

19           SECTION 4. Section 7A of chapter 132A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
20 amended by inserting after the word “benefits” in line 6, the following words:- ; provided,  
21 however, that when considering applicants for such positions, the commissioner shall develop  
22 rules and regulations for the hiring of rangers that includes guidelines for preferential  
23 consideration of applicants who are veterans as defined under section 1 of Chapter 31 of the  
24 General Laws.