

HOUSE No. 4186

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sheila C. Harrington

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 providing for a veteran service officer at Clear Path for Veterans New England, Inc.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>2/18/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>3/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>3/15/2021</i> |

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4186) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to providing for a veteran service officer at Clear Path for Veterans New England, Inc. to support veterans and dependents residing in the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act providing for a veteran service officer at Clear Path for Veterans New England, Inc.

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 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 The secretary of veterans’ services shall, in consultation with Clear Path for Veterans
5 New England, Inc., appoint a veterans’ benefits and services officer to support veterans and
6 dependents residing in the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone created by chapter 498 of the acts
7 of 1993.

8 SECTION 2. Said chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
9 section 3B, as so appearing, the following section:-

10 Section 3C. The veterans’ benefits and services officer appointed by the secretary of
11 veterans’ services to support veterans and dependents residing in the Devens Regional Enterprise

12 Zone pursuant to section 3 shall be subject to all general and special laws and regulations
13 applicable to veterans' benefits and services officers, as defined in section 3B, including, but not
14 limited to, said sections 3 3B.

15 Said veterans' benefits and services officer may maintain an office at the same location as
16 Clear Path for Veterans New England, Inc. in the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone and may
17 provide services in conjunction with Clear Path for Veterans New England, Inc. in the Devens
18 Regional Enterprise Zone.