

HOUSE No. 4719

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 20, 2024.

The committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3480) of James Arciero, Patrick Joseph Kearney and Raymond L. Mascola relative to eligibility of non-Massachusetts origin veterans for state veteran bonus awards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3481) of James Arciero, Patrick Joseph Kearney and Wade West relative to no cost hunting and fishing licenses for 100 percent disabled veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3483) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to veterans' services benefits held in trust; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3485) of Bruce J. Ayers, Adam Scanlon and Steven S. Howitt relative to reimbursement for life insurance for members of the Massachusetts National Guard; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3487) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to the fee for filing certificates of organization for veteran owned businesses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3489) of Daniel Cahill relative to residency for veteran status; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3493) of Mark J. Cusack and Vanna Howard relative to voluntary contribution check-off boxes on municipal tax bills for support of local veterans' agents; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3494) of Michael S. Day for legislation to recognize reserve veterans as veterans in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3495) of David F. DeCoste, Michael J. Soter and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to employment preference for veterans at the Massachusetts Port Authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3499) of Denise C. Garlick and Vanna Howard relative to providing veterans survivor benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3500) of Denise C. Garlick for legislation to promote fairness and transparency of organizations supporting military personnel and families; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3504) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to the definition of active duty in the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 3510) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to establishing a Vietnam War commemoration fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3511) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3512) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and others relative to the definition of veteran; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3513) of Meghan Kilcoyne relative to veterans' benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3517) of Michael P. Kushmerek and others relative to enhancing burial expenses for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3518) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to further regulating bonus eligibility for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3520) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and others relative to public employee benefits for military service members on active duty; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3521) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and others relative to COLA adjustments for veteran benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3522) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and others relative to reimbursement to armed service members; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3525) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to parking at certain airports for disabled veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3530) of David Allen Robertson and Kenneth I. Gordon relative to retirement benefits for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3534) of Adam Scanlon and others relative to providing for a prisoner of war income tax exemption; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3535) of Paul A. Schmid, III for legislation to authorize free online public higher education courses to veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3536) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to disability benefits for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3538) of Todd M. Smola, Margaret R. Scarsdale and F. Jay Barrows relative to emergency medical transportation provided to veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3539) of Todd M. Smola and F. Jay Barrows relative to veterans' benefits for surviving spouses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3709) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to provide for the appointment of full-time veterans' agents or directors of veterans' services in certain cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3768) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the first amendment and fair elections to the people; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 3819) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to reviving, continuing and further regulating the citizens commission established (under Chapter 322 of the Acts of 2018) concerning a Constitutional amendment to secure government of the people; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3835) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to include certain members of the National Guard in the definition of veterans; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3926) of David Allen Robertson relative to veteran disability benefits, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4719) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

GERARD J. CASSIDY.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be authorized to sit during
2 a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered
3 3480, 3481, 3483, 3485, 3487, 3489, 3493, 3494, 3495, 3499, 3500, 3504, 3510, 3511, 3512,
4 3513, 3517, 3518, 3520, 3521, 3522, 3525, 3530, 3534, 3535, 3536, 3538, 3539, 3709, 3768,
5 3819, 3835 and 3926, relative to veterans' benefits, services, prisoners of war and other veterans
6 issues.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2024.