

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1744**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Richard J. Ross*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1744) of Richard J. Ross, Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik, Sal N. DiDomenico and others for legislation to exempt veterans from the payment of fees for use of recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ □ SENATE  
□ , NO. 1832 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to 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. Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting, after section 3E, the following section:- Veterans, as defined by  
3 clause 43, section 7 of chapter 4, shall not be required to pay charges and fees, including day-use  
4 parking fees and recreation visitor fees, for entrance to public forest lands and public beaches  
5 under the control and care of the department of conservation and recreation.

6 Section 2D of chapter 132A is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words  
7 “disabled veteran” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Veterans, as defined by  
8 clause 43, section 7 of chapter 4.