

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1960**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 uniformity among veteran tax exemptions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John C. Velis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1960) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to uniformity among veteran tax exemptions. Revenue.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to uniformity among veteran tax exemptions.

*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 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting the following clause:

3           Twenty-Third, the assessor shall accept any award letter provided to the Veteran from the  
4 Veterans’ Administration the exemptions available pursuant to clauses Twenty-second, Twenty-  
5 second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E and  
6 Twenty-second F. Assessors shall accept a disability affidavit, in lieu of a Veterans Affairs  
7 Disability Award Letter, provided the affidavit is signed by the Veterans’ Service Office of their  
8 respective municipality, on a form prescribed by the Division of Local Services. Nothing in this  
9 clause shall be construed to authorize the assessor from requiring more information in  
10 subsequent years once eligibility for the exemption is established.