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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Richard J. Ross**

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Louis L. Kafka | 8th Norfolk |
| Richard J. Ross | 9th Norfolk |
| Scott P. Brown | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex |
| Todd M. Smola | 1st Hampden |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| Stephen L. DiNatale | 3rd Worcester |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3619 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

 Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 3E the following section: -

 Veterans, as defined by clause Forty-Third, section 7 of Chapter 4, shall not be required to pay charges and fees, including day-use parking fees and recreation visitor fees, for entrance to public forest lands and public beaches under the control and care of the department of conservation and recreation.

Section 2D of chapter 132A is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “disabled veteran” and inserting in place thereof the following words: -

 Veterans, as defined by clause Forty-Third, section 7 of Chapter 4.