

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study of providing veterans with increased healthcare access.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3702 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF PROVIDING VETERANS
WITH INCREASED HEALTHCARE ACCESS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 *Resolved,* A commission is hereby established to examine whether or not veteran's benefits should include
2 medical compensation, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws. Said commission will review the
3 proposal of benefits that would include payment of health care costs accumulated at a hospital not classified as a
4 veteran's hospital if said hospital provided services not available at said veteran's hospital, or if the designated
5 veteran's hospital is more than 30 miles away from the veteran. Payment for medical services rendered to a veteran
6 at a non-veteran hospital shall be the responsibility of veteran's hospitals or federal veterans agencies to be
7 determined by said commission that will examine the costs and benefits of providing medical care outside of veteran
8 hospitals. Said commission shall report results, if any, as well as a proposal for the legislature that would enact this
9 program, to the General Court and the House of Representatives. Said commission will report findings, if any, no
10 later than July 1, 2006.