

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mary E. Grant**

*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 increasing access to medical care for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mary E. Grant

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3636 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE FOR 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 5 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby 2 amended by adding at the end thereof the
- 2 following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation authority in the
- 3 Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States Department of Defense, to use
- 4 commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to said veteran; provided that said veteran
- 5 is utilizing transportation to travel to or from a Veterans Administration hospital for medical care; and
- 6 provided further, that said veteran presents proof of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the
- 7 form of a notice from the Veterans Administration indicating the veteran's name and the date and location
- 8 of said appointment.