

**SENATE****No. 2030****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Michael F. Rush**

*The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill.*  
*An Act to protect medically needy veterans.*

## PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael F. Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk	
Jerald A. Parisella	6th Essex	
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	Second Hampden and Hampshire	1/30/2017
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	1/30/2017
David F. DeCoste	5th Plymouth	1/31/2017
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	1/31/2017
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	1/31/2017
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex	1/31/2017
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk	2/1/2017
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	2/1/2017
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	2/1/2017
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	2/1/2017
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/1/2017
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/1/2017
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex	2/1/2017
Adam G. Hinds	Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden	2/1/2017
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	2/1/2017

<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sherita C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>

**SENATE**

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FILED ON: 1/20/2017

**No. 2030**

By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2030) of Michael F. Rush, Jerald A. Parisella, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect medically needy veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

*In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)*

*An Act to protect medically needy veterans.*

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 25 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014

Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (5), the following new section:-

3                   (6) The entire amount of a monthly veteran's payment from the Department of Veteran's

4                   Affairs, including a pension paid to the veteran or to a widowed spouse of a veteran shall be non

5                   countable, if any portion of the monthly benefit paid to the veteran or widowed spouse as a result

6                   *of unreimbursed medical expenses consists of aid and attendance or housebound benefits.*

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**PETITION --- SENATE**

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**Senator Michael F. Rush  
of Norfolk and Suffolk**

*presents the petition of Michael F. Rush, Jerald A. Parisella, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect medically needy veterans*

[Accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2030]

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Senate, January 23, 2017  
Referred to the committee on  
Veterans and Federal Affairs

*William H. Miller*, Clerk.

House of Reps., January 23, 2017

*The House concurs.*

*Steven T. James*, Clerk.