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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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:

An Act establishing a post traumatic stress disorder designation on driver's licenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, and Franklin*

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1736) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to establish a post traumatic stress disorder designation on driver's licenses. Transportation.

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An Act establishing a post traumatic stress disorder designation on driver's licenses.

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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8M the following section:-

SECTION 8N. (a) A member of the armed services or a veteran who is diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder may request to have a notation of such diagnosis placed on a Commonwealth issued driver's license or identification card. Such applicant shall present the registry of motor vehicles with a sworn statement from a person licensed to practice medicine or psychology in this state verifying such diagnosis. Applicant must provide the registry with permission to make public this diagnosis on their Commonwealth issued driver's license or identification card.

(b) The registrar shall establish procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this section including, without limitation, application forms to include a waiver of liability for the release of any medical information and an appropriate symbol to be placed on the drivers' licenses and identification cards.