

HOUSE No. 3702

By Mr. Frost of Auburn, petition of Paul K. Frost for an investigation and study relative to providing veterans with increased access to health care. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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

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