

# SENATE NO. 2130

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO APPOINTING VETERANS' AGENTS AND VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICERS

*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 1. Section 3 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 The Mayor of each city, except Boston, and the selectmen of each town, shall appoint a veterans'  
4 agent/veterans' service officer to act for him or them in the disbursement of veterans' benefits by such  
5 city or town; provided, however, that in each town having a part time veterans' agent/veterans' service  
6 officer the town clerk shall receive applications and assist applicants for veterans' benefits, and shall  
7 submit said applications to the veterans' agent/veterans' service officer. Two or more contiguous towns  
8 may, by vote of the selectmen, and subject to the approval of the commissioner, appoint one full time  
9 veterans' agent/veterans' service officer and such additional staff as necessary, and may apportion the  
10 payment of compensation among such towns. The appointment of a veterans' agent/veterans' service  
11 officer shall not create a civil service position. Any person who is appointed to the position of  
12 veterans' agent/veterans' service officer and certified by the Massachusetts Department of Veterans'  
13 Services as a trained veterans' agent/veterans' service officer and who has held such position for not

14 less than three years, shall not be involuntarily separated and shall have the same rights and protection  
15 granted to any veteran under section 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws, notwithstanding that his or  
16 her prior appointments were for a fixed term.