

HOUSE No. 1659

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward F. Coppinger

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act allowing the rejection of sub-bids.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Edward F. Coppinger

10th Suffolk

Daniel J. Ryan

2nd Suffolk

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1659) of Edward F. Coppinger and Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to allow the rejection of contract sub-bids. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act allowing the rejection of sub-bids.

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 44E of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph of subsection (1) the
3 following paragraph:-

4 In inviting bids, the awarding authority shall reserve the right to reject any or all such
5 general bids, if it be in the public interest to do so. In inviting sub-bids in connection with such a
6 contract, the awarding authority shall reserve the right to reject any sub-bid on any sub-trade, if it
7 determines that such sub-bid does not represent the sub-bid of a person competent to perform the
8 work as specified or that less than three such sub-bids were received and that the prices are not
9 reasonable for acceptance without further competition.