

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1715**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alan Silvia and Michael J. Rodrigues*

*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 to increase the transparency of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Representative Silvia of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1715) of Alan Silvia and others relative to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to increase the transparency of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

*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 27C of Chapter 9 of the General Laws as appearing in the most recent edition is  
2 hereby amended by inserting the following at the end of the first paragraph:

3           The commission shall publish, at least twice per month: (i) a summary or copy of the  
4 notices submitted pursuant to the first sentence of this paragraph, a summary or copy of each  
5 determination made by the commission regarding whether a project that is the subject of such  
6 notice will have any adverse effect, and a summary or copy of any commission  
7 recommendations regarding measures to eliminate, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects of such  
8 project; and (ii) a listing of any application to the commission for, and any certification made by  
9 the commission regarding, eligibility for and/or award of an historic rehabilitation tax credit  
10 under section 6J of chapter 62 or section 38R of chapter 63 of the General Laws. The  
11 publication shall be available on the website of the Massachusetts Historical Commission in such  
12 form as is reasonably suited to informing all interested agencies and persons of such notices,

13 applications, determinations, recommendations, and certifications, and shall indicate the manner  
14 in which the full text of any notice, application, determination, recommendations, or  
15 certifications may be obtained by such agencies or persons.