

HOUSE No. 1826

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos

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 relative to studying the establishment of a statewide registry of persons convicted for the sale or trafficking of certain class A drugs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1826) of Steven George Xiarhos for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the establishment of a statewide registry of persons convicted for the sale or trafficking of certain Class A drugs. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to studying the establishment of a statewide registry of persons convicted for the sale or trafficking of certain class A drugs.

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. There is hereby established a special commission to make recommendations
2 on the establishment of a statewide registry of persons who are convicted for the sale and/or
3 trafficking of a class A substance, as defined in section 31 of chapter 94C of the General Laws,
4 as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition. The report shall include, but not be limited to findings
5 and recommendations regarding:

- 6 (a) the scope of criminal offenses appropriate for registration, the classification of
- 7 persons convicted of such offenses, and judicial review thereof; (b) the due process interests of
- 8 persons who are subject to registration; (c) the public interest in disseminating information
- 9 regarding narcotics dealers to the general public; (d) the sharing of registration information
- 10 between certain law enforcement agencies; (e) special considerations regarding homeless
- 11 individuals and juveniles; (f) the term of registration that should be required; (g) penalties for

12 persons who fail to register; (h) fees for registration; (i) policies regarding the use,
13 confidentiality, and misuse of registration information; and, (j) the establishment and
14 administration of a board to oversee the creation and continued operation of the registry.

15 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of the following 13 members: the secretary of
16 public safety and security, who shall serve as chair; the attorney general or a designee; the chief
17 counsel of the committee for public counsel services or a designee; a representative of the
18 Massachusetts District Attorneys Association or a designee; 3 members appointed by the
19 president of the Senate, at least one of whom shall be a member of the minority party; and, 3
20 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom shall
21 be a member of the minority party. The commission may consider input from any relevant
22 organization.

23 SECTION 3. The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations,
24 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, with the
25 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint committee on the judiciary, and the
26 joint committee on public safety and homeland security not later than 9 months following the
27 effective date of this act.