

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2377**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***David K. Muradian, Jr.***

*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 retiree healthcare reform.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2377) of David K. Muradian, Jr., Kimberly N. Ferguson and F. Jay Barrows for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the public employees’ retiree benefits system . Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to retiree healthcare reform.

*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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 SECTION 28: (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall  
4 be a special commission to study the Massachusetts public employees’ retiree benefits system.  
5 The commission shall review the feasibility of allowing municipalities to offer their retirees  
6 individual policies funded by Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs), and make  
7 recommendations for reform. The commission shall consist of 13 members: 1 of whom shall be  
8 the secretary of administration and finance, or the secretary’s designee; 1 of whom shall be the  
9 treasurer, or the treasurer’s designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the public  
10 employee retirement administration commission, of the director’s designee; 1 of whom shall be a  
11 private citizen, appointed by the governor, who shall serve as chair of the commission and shall  
12 not be a member of the 105 contributory retirement systems; 3 members of the house of

13 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 3 of whom shall be  
14 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 1 of whom shall be  
15 selected by the governor from a list of 3 candidates submitted to the president of the  
16 Massachusetts AFL-CIO; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts municipal  
17 association; and 1 of whom shall be a member of the retired state, county and municipal  
18 employees association of Massachusetts.

19 (b) The public employee retirement administration commission shall conduct an actuarial  
20 analysis to determine the costs of any recommendations made by the commission. The  
21 commission shall file a report of its recommendations, together with the actuarial analysis and  
22 proposed legislation, if any, with the clerks of the house and senate, the chairs of the house and  
23 senate committee on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on public service no  
24 later than April 20, 2016.