

HOUSE No. 2583

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Tucker

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 a polygraph testing for police officer applicants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2583) of Paul Tucker and others relative to polygraph testing procedures for police officer applicants. Public Service.

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

An Act relative to a polygraph testing for police officer applicants.

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 19B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (2) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following new subsection

4 “(2) It shall be unlawful for any employer or his agent, with respect to any of his
5 employees, or any person applying to him for employment, excluding any person applying for
6 employment as a police officer, to subject such person to, or request such person to take a lie
7 detector test within or without the commonwealth, or to discharge, not hire, demote or otherwise
8 discriminate against such person for the assertion of rights arising hereunder. This section shall
9 not apply to lie detector tests administered by law enforcement agencies as may be otherwise
10 permitted in criminal investigations.”