

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2597**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas A. Golden, 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 establishing a special commission to study the efficacy of funding the construction of public safety buildings through the sales tax.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2597) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to funding the construction of public safety buildings through the sales tax. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3505 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to establishing a special commission to study the efficacy of funding the construction of public safety buildings through the sales tax.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of  
2 the General Laws to study the efficacy of funding the construction of public safety buildings  
3 through the sales tax. The commission shall consist of 2 members of the house of  
4 representatives, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, 2 members of the senate, 1  
5 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, the commissioner of public safety or a  
6 designee, the commissioner of revenue, the director of the department of labor relations and 4  
7 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the  
8 Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated and 1 of whom shall be a representative  
9 from the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts. The members of the commission may elect

10 a member to serve as chair. As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall review  
11 the efficacy of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's dedicated revenue stream  
12 allocated from the sales tax. Further, the commission shall compare the needs of constructing or  
13 renovating public safety buildings in the commonwealth with the goals and purposes of the  
14 Massachusetts School Building Authority. The commission shall recommend a percentage of the  
15 sales tax to be dedicated to such funding and provide reasons for such recommendation.