

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2786**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Joseph D. McKenna*

*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 soliciting and rewarding suggestions from residents to reduce costs of government.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. McKenna of Webster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2786) of Joseph D. McKenna and Peter J. Durant for legislation to authorize the Suggestions Awards Board within the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to offer certain financial awards to citizens for suggestions reducing the cost of government. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2906 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to soliciting and rewarding suggestions from residents to reduce costs of government.

*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 31A of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking in line 14 the words “officers and employees”  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 “officers, employees, or any resident of the Commonwealth”.

5 Section 2. Section 31A of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 amended by inserting, in line 21, after the word “section” the following:-

7           “; provided, the amount of the award given to a contestant shall be equal to one percent of  
8 the expected reduction in cost to state government, but in no instance shall the award exceed ten  
9 thousand dollars”.