

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2975**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Michael A. Costello**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to procurement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Essex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROCUREMENT.

*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 2 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following  
2 definitions -

3 “Cooperative purchasing” means procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than one public  
4 procurement unit, or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement activity.

5 "External procurement activity" means: (a) any public agency not located in this State which would  
6 qualify as a public procurement unit; (b) buying by the United States government.

7 "Local public procurement unit" means any political subdivision or unit thereof which expends public  
8 funds for the procurement of supplies, services, or construction.

9 "Public procurement unit" means either a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement unit.

10 “State public procurement unit” means the offices of the chief procurement officers and any other  
11 purchasing agency of this or any other State.

12 SECTION 2. Section 20 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end  
13 thereof the following -

14 “ Any public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative  
15 purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction with one or more  
16 public procurement units or external procurement activities in accordance with an agreement entered into  
17 between the participants.”