

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3303**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*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 expanding the duties of members of the General Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3303) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize members of the General Court to solemnize marriages and communicate directly with state agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act expanding the duties of members of the General Court.

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

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 10B. (a) A member of the general court may solemnize a marriage in the same  
4 manner as those persons listed in section 38 of chapter 207.

5 (b) A member of the general court shall be able to communicate directly with a state  
6 agency in order to advocate for the member’s constituent or otherwise provide constituent  
7 services. No state agency shall require a person to sign or otherwise execute a written release  
8 form prior to allowing such direct communication between a member of the general court and  
9 the agency on the person’s behalf.