

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3804**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Barrett, III***

*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 to establish a commission to determine whether EOHHS should be separated into two agencies with each being administered by a cabinet level secretary.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3804) of John Barrett, III and others for an investigation by a special commission relative to the operation and layout of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act to establish a commission to determine whether EOHHS should be separated into two agencies with each being administered by a cabinet level secretary.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a commission to study the operation and layout of the executive office of health and human services, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1           A special commission is hereby established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the  
2 General Laws for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the operation and  
3 layout of the executive office of health and human services. The commission shall consist of 9  
4 members: 3 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 3 of  
5 whom shall be appointed by the senate president and 3 of whom shall be appointed by the  
6 governor. The commission shall study the benefits of dividing the executive office of health and  
7 human services into 2 executive offices, 1 of which would be the executive office of public  
8 health and oversight and would house all health agencies and 1 of which would be the executive  
9 office of human services and would house all human services agencies. The commission shall

10 consider whether the executive office of health and human services has the management capacity  
11 to maintain an efficient level of services, including, but not limited to providing services to  
12 elders, youth, veterans and persons with disabilities.

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14           The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study  
15 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its  
16 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the  
17 house of representatives on or before June 1, 2022.