

HOUSE No. 4118

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cory Atkins

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 the Charter of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay of 1691.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cory Atkins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Middlesex

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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cory Atkins for legislation to authorize the State Secretary to loan the Charter of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay of 1691. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to the Charter of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay of 1691.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith require the secretary of state to loan the Charter of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay of 1691, 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 SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly
2 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

3 “Charter”, the Charter of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay of 1691.

4 “Loan”, to deposit property for a specified period of time, without transferring title to the
5 property and without permanent donative intent.

6 SECTION 2. The state secretary, through the archivist of the commonwealth, shall loan
7 the charter to the Museum of Fine Arts in the city of Boston for display by the museum alongside
8 or within the same exhibit as the original Magna Carta. The charter shall be transferred to the
9 museum on or before June 25, 2014 and shall be loaned for a period of time that includes June
10 30, 2014 to September 1, 2014, inclusive.

11 SECTION 3. The state secretary, through the archivist of the commonwealth, shall loan
12 the charter to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in the town of Williamstown for
13 display by the institute alongside or within the same exhibit as the original Magna Carta. The
14 charter shall be transferred to the institute on or before September 6, 2014 and shall be loaned for
15 a period of time that includes September 6, 2014 to November 2, 2014, inclusive.

16 SECTION 4. The charter shall be returned to the custody and possession of the state
17 secretary on or before November 7, 2014.