

HOUSE No. 4239

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 2, 2019.

The committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1807) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, James B. Eldridge, Denise Provost, Bud L. Williams and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to equity in public contracting in honor of Bruce C. Bolling, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2678) of Daniel Cahill and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the participation of minority business enterprises and women business enterprises in public construction projects, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2693) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and others relative to the participation of minority and women-owned businesses on public construction projects, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2717) of Russell E. Holmes and others relative to diversity in public contracting, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2792) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to equity of bidders for public agency contracts and subcontracts, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4239) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act creating a special commission to study the participation of minority business enterprises and women business enterprises in public construction projects.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, there shall be established a special commission to investigate, study, and make
3 legislative recommendations on the adequacy and efficiency of laws and regulations governing
4 the participation of minority business enterprises and women business enterprises on public
5 construction projects. The commission shall consist of 21 members, 1 of whom shall be
6 appointed by the governor who shall serve as the co-chairman of the commission; 1 of whom
7 shall be appointed by the attorney general, 3 of whom shall be members of the senate, 2 of whom
8 shall be appointed by the president of the senate, of which 1 shall serve as co-chairman of the
9 commission and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 3 of whom
10 shall be members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of
11 the house, of which 1 shall serve as co-chairman of the commission and 1 of whom shall be
12 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the chair of the Massachusetts
13 Black and Latino Legislative Caucus or their designee; the commissioner of the department of

14 capital asset management and maintenance; the inspector general; the chairperson or their
15 designee of the Massachusetts Municipal Association; the president or their designee of the
16 Massachusetts Building Trades Council; the president or their designee of the Associated
17 General Contractors of Massachusetts; the president or their designee of the Building Trades
18 Employers Association; the president or their designee of Associated Subcontractors of
19 Massachusetts; the president or their designee of Construction Industries of Massachusetts; the
20 president or their designee of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO; a representative of the Massachusetts
21 Minority Contractors Association, a representative of the National Association of Women and
22 Construction, and a representative of The Policy Group on Tradeswomen's issues. The
23 commission shall file a report on the results of its study, together with its recommendations, if
24 any, and any legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, with the clerks of
25 the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2020.