

HOUSE No. 4530

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Ryan

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 establishing a special events fund in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Jay Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Ryan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4530) of Daniel J. Ryan, Sal N. DiDomenico and Jay Livingstone (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to create a special events fund in said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act establishing a special events fund in the city of Boston.

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 section 53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the City of Boston is hereby authorized
3 to create and maintain a separate fund to be known as the Special Events Fund (the "Fund"). The
4 Fund shall be used exclusively to enable, assist, support and fund civic, educational, recreational,
5 literary, scientific, artistic, theatrical and musical functions and events for the benefit, enjoyment
6 and edification of residents and visitors in the City

7 Section 2: All money contributions shall be paid directly to the Fund and need not be
8 appropriated or accepted and approved pursuant to section 53A of Chapter 44 of the General
9 Laws. All money contributions shall be voluntary donations and not in exchange for any City
10 service or use of City property. All moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year
11 remain the property of the Fund. Money in the Fund may be expended without any
12 appropriation.

13 Section 3: The collector treasurer of the City of Boston shall be the custodian of the
14 Special Events Fund and shall keep the Fund as a separate account, and may deposit the proceeds
15 in national banks, or invest the proceeds by deposit in savings banks, co-operative banks or trust
16 companies organized under the laws of the Commonwealth, or invest the same in such securities
17 as are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the Commonwealth,
18 or in federal savings and loan associations situated in the Commonwealth. Act. Any interest or
19 revenue accrued or generated by the Fund shall be added to and shall become a part of the Fund.

20 The books and records of the fund shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in
21 accordance with accepted accounting practices.

22 Section 4: The Fund shall be controlled and administered by a Board which shall include
23 5 persons who shall be appointed by the Mayor for terms not to exceed three years. The Mayor
24 shall designate one of the appointees as the Chair. All appointed members of the Board shall
25 serve without compensation. The Board shall be considered a municipal agency and the
26 appointed board members shall be considered special municipal employees for the purposes of
27 chapter 268A of the General Laws. The Board shall be a public employer and the members of the
28 Board will be considered public employees for the purposes of Chapter 258 of the General Laws.
29 The Board shall hold quarterly meetings and shall produce an annual report for the Mayor and
30 City Council. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations for the governance of its internal
31 affairs. All decisions of the Board, and any expenditures ordered by the Board, must be made for
32 the specific purpose of enabling, assisting, and funding civic, educational, recreational, literary,
33 scientific, artistic, theatrical and musical functions and events in the City of Boston. Where the
34 donor has expressed an intent that the donation be used to fund a particular event or function, the
35 Board must expend said funds in conformance with the donor intent.

36 Section 5: This Act shall take effect upon its passage.