

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1598**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Walter F. Timilty*

*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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1598) of Walter F. Timilty and Steven S. Howitt that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

Resolve establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events.

1           **Resolved**, that a special commission is hereby established for the purposes of making an  
2 investigation, study and evaluation relative to the costs and benefits attributable to creating a  
3 fund to support the needs of public safety and sustainability and waste mitigation for nonprofit  
4 events in the commonwealth.

5           The special commission shall: review the costs for both security and sustainability for  
6 nonprofit events; recommend appropriate funding sources for developing a fund to offset the  
7 security and sustainability costs for Massachusetts nonprofits incurred during public events.

8           The commission shall consist of: the secretary of public safety or their designee; the  
9 director of the Massachusetts Office on Travel and Tourism or their designee; 1 member of the  
10 senate who shall be appointed by the Senate President; 1 member of the House of  
11 Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House; 2 members selected from a  
12 list of 3 people submitted by the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau (Meet Boston);

13 2 members who shall be selected from a list of 3 names submitted by the Massachusetts  
14 Municipal Association and the mayor of Boston or their designee.

15 The special commission shall make recommendations, including proposed amendments  
16 to section 12 of chapter 23A of the General Laws. The special commission shall file its  
17 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, with the clerks of the Senate and House of  
18 Representatives not later 120 days after passage of this bill.