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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to clarify terms of collective bargaining agreements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	☐ *[District]* ☐
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	☐ *[District]* ☐
Marc R. Pacheco	☐ *[District]* ☐
Brian A. Joyce	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth*
Kenneth J. Donnelly	☐ *[District]* ☐

James E. Timilty	*[District]*
Michael O. Moore	*[District]*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1404) of Steven A. Tolman, Linda Dorcena Forry, Ellen Story, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to clarify terms of collective bargaining agreements. Public Service.

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An Act to clarify terms of collective bargaining agreements.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to declare and clarify the intent of Chapter 150E, , therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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

Chapter 150E § 7(a) is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the first sentence:- "… provided that a provision in the agreement setting forth that its terms remain in effect beyond three years while the parties negotiate a successor agreement is valid and enforceable. This proviso shall be applied retroactively to agreement that contained such a provision but otherwise expired prior to the effective date of this Act."