

SENATE No. 1351

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 creating a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1351) of Richard J. Ross and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to create a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1293 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act creating a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, a commission
2 shall be established to study the effectiveness of a statewide registry of known drug dealers. The
3 goal of the commission shall be to review current policies and methods of tracking convicted
4 drug dealers, the role of drug dealers in other crimes, and to examine the potential impacts to
5 public safety of a statewide registry. The commission shall make a full report to the legislature
6 with recommendations for legislation to create a registry of drug dealers or improve the tracking
7 of known drug dealers. The commission shall consist of The Secretary of Public Safety and
8 Security, or his designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or his designee;
9 the Superintendent of the State Police, or his designee; 3 members of the House of
10 Representatives that are chosen by the Speaker, 1 of which is a member of the minority party; 3

11 members of the Senate, chosen by the Senate President, 1 of which is a member of the minority
12 party; and 1 member chosen by the governor. Said commission shall submit said report back to
13 the legislature with findings and recommendations for legislation on or before December 31,
14 2017.