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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1447

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 to adequately compensate career prosecutors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1447) of David Paul Linsky and David M. Rogers relative to the salaries and appointments of certain personnel within the offices of the district attorneys of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1461* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to adequately compensate career prosecutors.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 16 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 16. (A) Each district attorney shall, subject to appropriation and subject to the conditions of this section, appoint and may, at his pleasure, remove such assistant district attorneys as are necessary to the functioning of the office of the district attorney. Assistant district attorneys shall receive from the commonwealth salaries as recommended by the district attorney appointing them, subject to appropriation and subject to the conditions of this section but in no case shall the annual salary of an assistant district attorney be less than forty thousand dollars, nor shall the salary of an assistant district attorney with three years' experience as an assistant district attorney be less than forty-five thousand dollars, nor shall the salary of an

11 assistant district attorney with five years' experience as an assistant district attorney be less than
12 fifty-five thousand dollars, nor shall the salary of an assistant district attorney with seven years'
13 experience as an assistant district attorney be less than sixty thousand dollars, nor shall the salary
14 to an assistant district attorney with ten years' experience as an assistant district attorney be less
15 than sixty-five thousand dollars. The provisions of sections nine A and forty-five of chapter
16 thirty, chapter thirty-one, and chapter one hundred and fifty E shall not apply to said assistant
17 district attorneys. Assistant district attorneys shall devote their full time during ordinary business
18 hours to their duties, and shall neither directly nor indirectly engage in the practice of law.

19 (B) Each district attorney shall, subject to appropriation and subject to the conditions of
20 this section, appoint and may, at his pleasure, remove such victim-witness advocates and child
21 interview specialists as are necessary to the functioning of the office of the district attorney.
22 Victim-witness advocates and child interview specialists shall receive from the commonwealth
23 salaries as recommended by the district attorney appointing them, subject to appropriation and
24 subject to the conditions of this section but in no case shall the annual salary of a victim-witness
25 advocate or child interview specialist be less than thirty-two thousand dollars, nor shall the salary
26 of a victim-witness advocate or child interview specialist with three years' experience in either or
27 both such position be less than thirty-eight thousand dollars.

28 SECTION 2. Sections 18, 19, 20, 28, and 20C of said chapter 12 are hereby repealed.