

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1592**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 limiting severance agreements of authorities..

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:   | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>James M. Cantwell</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/19/2011</i> |

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1592) of James M. Cantwell relative to severance agreements negotiated by authorities. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2341 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act limiting severance agreements of authorities..

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

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 31E the following section:—

3 Section 31F. Any severance agreement negotiated by an authority, as defined in section  
4 39 of chapter 3, shall be based upon the employee’s length of service with the authority. No cash  
5 awards shall be made. Any consulting contract with the employee shall be based on fees for  
6 services, with services clearly defined. Any payment of legal fees for such employee shall be  
7 made only for actions of the employee made in good faith.