

HOUSE No. 2628

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John D. Keenan

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 relative to the Massachusetts tourism fund.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John D. Keenan</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> | <i>1/21/2011</i> |
| <i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i> |
| <i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i> | <i>5th Essex</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/24/2011</i> |
| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>1/22/2011</i> |
| <i>John W. Scibak</i> | <i>2nd Hampshire</i> | <i>2/3/2011</i> |
| <i>Martin J. Walsh</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i> |

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By Mr. Keenan of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2628) of John D. Keenan and others relative to the Massachusetts tourism fund. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the Massachusetts tourism fund.

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. Chapter 10 Section 35J of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out, in line 6 the words “subject to appropriation by the General Court as follows:” and clauses
3 (a) through (e) and inserting in place thereof the following language:-

4 “applied to the Office of travel and tourism (Massachusetts Office of Travel and
5 Tourism) as follows:

6 (a) fifty percent of which shall be for financial assistance for the tourist promotion
7 agencies under section 14 of 23A

8 (b) notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs or any other general or
9 special law to the contrary, for any fiscal year in which revenues deposited into the
10 Massachusetts Tourism Fund exceed the amounts deposited into said fund in the previous fiscal
11 year, 50 percent of the increase in said revenues shall be applied, subject to appropriation, to the
12 Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 42 of
13 chapter 23G.