

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1225**

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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>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	

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By Mr. Ross, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1225) of Tarr, Hedlund, Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 928 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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 2012.