SENATE No. 1404

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 clarify terms of collective bargaining agreements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Jennifer L. Flanagan	
Marc R. Pacheco	
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Kenneth J. Donnelly	
James E. Timilty	
Michael O. Moore	
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex

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By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1404) of Steven A. Tolman, Linda Dorcena Forry, Ellen Story, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to clarify terms of collective bargaining agreements. Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to clarify terms of collective bargaining agreements.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to declare and clarify the intent of Chapter 150E, , therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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 150E § 7(a) is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the first
- 2 sentence:- "... provided that a provision in the agreement setting forth that its terms remain in
- 3 effect beyond three years while the parties negotiate a successor agreement is valid and
- 4 enforceable. This proviso shall be applied retroactively to agreement that contained such a
- 5 provision but otherwise expired prior to the effective date of this Act."