

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1706**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Tackey Chan*

*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 binding arbitration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Raymond McGrath</i>	<i>National Association of Government Employees 159 Burgin Parkway Quincy, MA 02169</i>	

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1706) of Tackey Chan and Raymond McGrath relative to binding arbitration. Labor and Workforce Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2292 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to binding arbitration.

*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 150E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 paragraph 5 in section 9, and inserting the following:—

3 If the impasse continues after the publication of the fact-finding report, either party, or  
4 the parties acting jointly, may petition the board to initiate arbitration proceedings, the result of  
5 which shall be a final and binding decision. Upon receipt of such petition, the board shall appoint  
6 a panel of three arbitrators from a list of qualified persons. In the alternative, the parties may  
7 agree upon the arbitrators and then notify the board of such agreement and choice of arbitrators.  
8 The panel shall transmit its finding and is final and binding decision to the board and to both  
9 parties within thirty days after the date of its appointment.