HOUSE No. 1706

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: |
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| Tackey Chan | 2nd Norfolk | 1/17/2013 |
| Raymond McGrath | National Association of Government | |
| | Employees 159 Burgin Parkway | |
| | Quincy, MA 02169 | |

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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.

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

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to binding arbitration.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 150E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking paragraph 5 in section 9, and inserting the following:—

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

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9 parties within thirty days after the date of its appointment.