

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2229**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 limiting severance agreements of authorities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2229) of James M. Cantwell relative to severance agreements negotiated by authorities. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1592 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act limiting severance agreements of authorities.

*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 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 31E the following section:—

3 Section 31F. Any severance agreement negotiated by an authority, as defined in section  
4 39 of chapter 3, shall be based upon the employee’s length of service with the authority. No cash  
5 awards shall be made. Any consulting contract with the employee shall be based on fees for  
6 services, with services clearly defined. Any payment of legal fees for such employee shall be  
7 made only for actions of the employee made in good faith.