HOUSE No. 2883

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.

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 state contracting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex	1/18/2013
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	
Carlo Basile	1st Suffolk	
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth	
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden	
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk	
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	
Christopher G. Fallon	33rd Middlesex	
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester	
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester	
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	
Russell E. Holmes	6th Suffolk	

Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	
Aaron Michlewitz	3rd Suffolk	
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester	
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex	
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex	
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire	
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex	

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By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2883) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others for legislation to encourage fair competition in bids for state contracts from qualified sources committed to fair wages and benefits for employees. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to state contracting.

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 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
 220 the following new section:-

3 Section 22P.

4 Any state department, office, commission, institution or regional authority contracting for 5 cleaning, maintenance or security guard services in any buildings shall abide by section 27H of 6 chapter 149 and any rules promulgated thereunder. Any procurement bid with the operational 7 services division or any other state procurement agent that does not follow the requirements 8 under this section and any rules promulgated under this section is a nonresponsive bid. Any 9 contract entered into by any department, office, commission, institution or regional authority, 10 after the effective date of this section, shall be void if it is not in compliance with this section and 11 section 27H of chapter 149.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 30B, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is
 hereby amended by striking out the definition for "Responsible bidder or offeror", beginning at
 line 133, and inserting in place thereof the following new definition:-

15 "Responsible bidder or offeror", a person who: (1) has the lowest bid of those bidders 16 possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work; (2) 17 shall certify, that the bidder is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other 18 elements of labor employed or to be employed on the contract; (3) shall certify a record of 19 compliance with all applicable labor laws, including but not necessarily limited to, state and

- 20 federal minimum wage laws, applicable local living wage ordinances, state and federal
- 21 healthcare laws, state and federal independent contractor and labor relations laws, and state and
- 22 federal health and safety laws; and, (4) shall certify that the bidder has had no debarment or
- 23 suspension within the past 5 years.
- 24 SECTION 3. Subsection (g) of section 5 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby 25 amended by inserting after the word "bidder.", in line 87, the following new text:-
- Any bidder that bids on a contract for cleaning, maintenance or security guard services in buildings owned, leased or occupied by the governmental body shall abide by section 27H of chapter 149 and any rules promulgated thereunder. Any bidder that does not follow the requirements under said section 27H of chapter 149 is not a responsive bidder under this section. Any contract entered into by any governmental body, after the effective date of this section, shall
- be void if it is not in compliance with this section and section 27H of chapter 149.
- 32 SECTION 4. Section 5 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
 33 by inserting after subsection (g) the following new subsection:-
- (i) Any certifications made under this chapter shall be signed under the penalties of
 perjury and shall be a permanent part of any work contracted for. Any bidder or subcontractor
 who fraudulently misrepresents any information to which the bidder must certify, shall be subject
 to one or more the following: (1) permanent removal from any further work on the contract; (2)
 withholding of payment due him by the awarding agency; (3) liquidated damages payable to the
 awarding agency in the amount of 5 per cent of the dollar value of the contract.
- 40 SECTION 5. Section 27H of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 41 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 1 and 2, the words "the cleaning and 42 maintenance of" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "cleaning, maintenance or 43 security guard services in", and inserting, after the word "maintenance", on line 6, the following 44 words:- ", security guard".