

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 678**

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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 authorizing a special commission to study cytotoxic drugs in the environment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2013</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678) of Tackey Chan and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to cytotoxic drugs in the environment. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act authorizing a special commission to study cytotoxic drugs in the environment.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a special  
2 commission is hereby established for the purposes of studying the levels and effects of cytotoxic  
3 drugs in the environment. The commission shall consist of: 4 members of the senate, 1 of whom  
4 shall be the president of the senate or a designee who shall serve as co-chair , 1 of whom shall be  
5 the minority leader of the senate or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint  
6 committee on public health or a designee and 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee  
7 on environment, natural resources and agriculture ; 4 members of the house of representatives, 1  
8 of whom shall be the speaker or a designee who shall serve as co-chair, 1 of whom shall be the  
9 minority leader of the house of representatives or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the chair of the  
10 joint committee on public health, 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee on  
11 environment, natural resources and agriculture ; the commissioner of public health or a designee;  
12 the commissioner of environmental protection or a designee; and 5 persons to be appointed by  
13 the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the University of Massachusetts, 1 of whom  
14 shall be a representative of the Silent Spring Institute, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the  
15 Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the American  
16 Cancer Society, and 1 of whom shall be an oncologist licensed to practice medicine in the  
17 Commonwealth. All appointments shall be made not later than 30 days after the effective date of  
18 this act. The chairpersons shall meet with the commission not later than 60 days after the  
19 effective date of this act.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.