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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***George N. Peterson, 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 retiree healthcare reform.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> | <i>7/10/2014</i> |

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George N. Peterson, Jr. providing for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of allowing municipalities to offer their retirees individual policies funded by health reimbursement arrangements. Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen  
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An Act relative to retiree healthcare reform.

*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 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

2 SECTION 28: (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall  
3 be a special commission to study the Massachusetts public employees' retiree benefits system.  
4 The commission shall review the feasibility of allowing municipalities to offer their retirees  
5 individual policies funded by Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs), and make  
6 recommendations for reform. The commission shall consist of 13 members: 1 of whom shall be  
7 the secretary of administration and finance, or the secretary's designee; 1 of whom shall be the  
8 treasurer, or the treasurer's designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the public  
9 employee retirement administration commission, of the director's designee; 1 of whom shall be a  
10 private citizen, appointed by the governor, who shall serve as chair of the commission and shall  
11 not be a member of the 105 contributory retirement systems; 3 members of the house of  
12 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 3 of whom shall be  
13 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 1 of whom shall be  
14 selected by the governor from a list of 3 candidates submitted to the president of the  
15 Massachusetts AFL-CIO; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts municipal  
16 association; and 1 of whom shall be a member of the retired state, county and municipal  
17 employees association of Massachusetts.

18 (b) The public employee retirement administration commission shall conduct an actuarial  
19 analysis to determine the costs of any recommendations made by the commission. The  
20 commission shall file a report of its recommendations, together with the actuarial analysis and

21 proposed legislation, if any, with the clerks of the house and senate, the chairs of the house and  
22 senate committee on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on public service no  
23 later than April 15, 2015.