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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 to eliminate waste and improve public oversight of state agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
Peter J. Durant	*6th Worcester*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*
Brian A. Joyce	*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1513) of Richard T. Moore, Jason M. Lewis, Angelo L. D'Emilia, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to eliminate waste and improve public oversight of state agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1604* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to eliminate waste and improve public oversight of state agencies.

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. Notwithstanding any other provisions of general or special law to the contrary, every agency, authority or other unit of state government that is required by law or regulation to issue an annual report shall issue such report in electronic format and shall not be required to print and distribute said report. Each agency required to issue an annual report shall post such report in a format available to the public and shall solicit public comment relative to the contents of said report. Each such agency shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure review and appropriate consideration of any public comments so received, and shall include a summary of such actions in the next subsequent annual report.

For the purposes of this section, "state agency" shall mean:

(1) An executive office, department, commission, board, office, or other agency that is in the executive branch of state government or any public authority that was established by the constitution or a statute of the commonwealth;

(2) The state university system or a public institution of higher education.

SECTION 2. Section 15 of Chapter 7 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, the

following: - provided, further, that no bill for printing shall be approved, unless the agency requesting approval shall satisfactorily demonstrate that the document or documents to be printed could not have been provided in electronic or digital format and made available to the public in a manner that could be downloaded and printed by anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the document or documents.

SECTION 3. Section 15 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting in the second sentence, after the words "expert in printing," the words: - or an expert in information technology.