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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 improve the promotion of tourism throughout the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1628) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to improve the promotion of tourism throughout the Commonwealth. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to improve the promotion of tourism throughout the Commonwealth.

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. Section 13H of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words, "Worcester County Convention and Visitors Bureau," the following:- Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Central Mass South;

SECTION 2. Section 43 of chapter 23G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following new section:-

Section 43. There shall be a cultural facilities fund advisory committee, the function of which shall be strictly advisory to the agency in connection with the management and operation of the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. The committee shall consist of the following members: the director of the Massachusetts cultural council or his designee; the director of the office of travel and tourism or his designee; the director of the agency or his designee; and 8 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall have expertise in construction. In appointing members, the governor shall ensure that each of the following geographic regions of the commonwealth is represented: the central area, the north central area, south central area, the greater Boston area, the metro-west area, the northeast area, the southeast area and the western area. All members shall be appointed for a term of 5 years, may be reappointed, and shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed from the Fund for ordinary and reasonable in-state travel expenses. The committee may meet as often as the members may determine, but shall meet at least bi-annually, or at such other intervals as may be established by the agency in order to review recommendations made by the Massachusetts cultural council, or such other qualified organization with which the agency contracts, with respect to the Fund and to make any advisory

22 recommendations with respect thereto to the agency. Subsection (d), and subsections (f) to (i)
23 inclusive and subsection (l) of section 2 shall apply to the members and affairs of the committee.
24 All applications for grants or loans recommended by the Massachusetts cultural council or other
25 such organization with whom the agency may contract shall be reviewed by the committee. The
26 committee shall then issue findings and recommendations to the agency as to which applications
27 should be approved. Only those applications that are recommended by the committee for
28 approval shall be considered by the agency's board of directors for final approval. If the
29 agency's board of directors votes to deny any recommended approval, the agency shall, within
30 30 days of such action, provide the applicant a written explanation for such denial.