

SENATE No. 723

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 municipal impact statements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Eileen M. Donoghue

First Middlesex

Colleen M. Garry

36th Middlesex

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 723) of Eileen M. Donoghue and Colleen M. Garry for legislation relative to municipal impact statements. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to municipal impact statements.

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, section 3 of
2 chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended
3 by inserting, after paragraph (v), the following;-

4 (w) for municipalities, to be heard through an oral and written impact statement at
5 sentencing or the disposition of the case against the defendant about the effects of the crime on
6 the municipality and as to a recommended sentence, and to be heard at any other time deemed
7 appropriate by the court. The municipality also has a right to submit the impact statement to the
8 parole board for inclusion in its records regarding the perpetrator of the crime.