

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1636**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul Tucker*

*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 add Law Enforcement Councils to the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/26/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>9/26/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/26/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/26/2019</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>9/26/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1636) of Paul Tucker and others relative to coverage of public employees under the Tort Claims Act. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to add Law Enforcement Councils to the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           WHEREAS, Chapter 40, § 4J of the General Laws authorizes the establishment of “Law  
2 Enforcement Councils,” as nonprofit corporations comprised of municipal police chiefs and  
3 other law enforcement agencies to provide mutual aid to its members and enhanced public safety  
4 by otherwise sharing resources and personnel, and;

5           WHEREAS, such Law Enforcement Councils, being comprised of police chiefs and other  
6 law enforcement agencies, may be established to carry out the police powers of its members,  
7 and;

8           WHEREAS, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is  
9 to expressly include such Law Enforcement Councils within the indemnity protections of  
10 General Laws, chapter 258;

11           Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
12 and by the authority of the same as follows:

13           Section 1: Section 1 of chapter 258 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
14 amended by inserting after the word “including”, in line 40, the following words, “any Law  
15 Enforcement Council established pursuant to section 4J of chapter 40 and.”