

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2237**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tackey Chan*

*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 providing that dispute resolution procedures shall be available over issues arising during mid-term bargaining.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Raymond McGrath</i>	<i>National Association of Government Employees 159 Burgin Parkway Quincy, MA 02169</i>	<i>12/22/2014</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2237) of Tackey Chan and Raymond McGrath relative to collective bargaining dispute resolution procedures. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2253 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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*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. Section 9 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the first paragraph of said Section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3           After a reasonable period of negotiation over the terms of a collective bargaining  
4 agreement or over mid-term bargaining issues, either party or the parties acting jointly may  
5 petition the board for a determination of the existence of an impasse.

6           Section 2. Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973, as most recently amended by Chapter 589 of  
7 the acts of 1987, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new Section 5:-

8           Section 5. The dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Section 4A shall be  
9 available to parties over issues arising during mid-term bargaining.