

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2344**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 cashing out of disability retirement system alternative commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2344) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the implications of cashing out of the public disability retirement system. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to cashing out of disability retirement system alternative commission.

*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, there shall be a  
2 special commission to study and report on the implications of cashing out of disability retirement  
3 system.

4           SECTION 2. The commission shall consists of the chairmen of the joint committee on  
5 public service who will serve as co-chairs; the speaker of the house of representatives or his  
6 designee; the president of the senate or his designee; the minority leader of the house or his  
7 designee; the minority leader of the senate or his designee; the state treasurer or his designee; the  
8 chairman of the senate committee on ways and means; the chair of the house committee on ways  
9 and means; the secretary of administration and finance or his designee; a mayor of a city in the  
10 commonwealth appointed by the governor; a representative of the Retired State; County, and  
11 Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts; a representative of the Massachusetts AFL-

12 CIO; the executive director of the Group Insurance Commission; and a representative of the  
13 Massachusetts Municipal Association.

14 SECTION 3. The commission shall study, report and recommend legislation on possible  
15 incentives for employees who seek an alternative career instead of disability retirement.  
16 Recommended legislation should allow employees to meet eligibility standards for a disability  
17 retirement with the option of cashing out of the system with a lump sum payment in the amount  
18 of a multiple of their base compensation which shall be determined by age and other factors. The  
19 commission shall also provide in the report the tax implications of said option.

20 SECTION 4. The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any draft of  
21 legislation, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on  
22 public service, and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on or before June 1,  
23 2016.