HOUSE No. 2395

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Byron Rushing

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 further regulate the right to strike of public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk	1/13/2015
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	11/6/2019
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	11/6/2019
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	11/6/2019
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	11/6/2019
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	11/6/2019
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden	11/6/2019
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	11/6/2019
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	11/6/2019
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth	11/6/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Claire D. Cronin	11th Plymouth	11/6/2019
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	11/6/2019

Daniel Cullinane	12th Suffolk	11/6/2019
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	11/6/2019
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	11/6/2019

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2395) of Byron Rushing and others for legislation to further regulate the right to strike of public employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2424 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act to further regulate the right to strike of public employees.

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. Chapter 150E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out 9A,
- 2 as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following:-
- 3 Section 9A. (a) No public employee or employee organization shall engage in a strike,
- 4 work stoppage, slowdown or withholding of services by such public employees, or to condone or
- 5 encourage the same, except as otherwise provided in section (b) below.
- 6 (b) Whenever a strike occurs or is about to occur, the employer may petition the
- 7 department to make an investigation. The department shall first determine whether such strike,
- 8 slow-down or withholding of services so complained of, has been caused in whole or in part by
- 9 unfair labor practices committed by the employer, as such are set forth in section 10. If upon

investigation the department concludes that such strike, slowdown or withholding of services by
such public employees has been caused by the commission of unfair labor practices by the
employer, the department shall set forth its findings of fact and decision relative thereto, and
such employees shall be deemed to engage in lawful, concerted activity for the purpose of
collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection, free from interference, restraint or

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coercion.