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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2712

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 directing the office of the inspector general to conduct a study of leasing practices utilized by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2712) of Bruce J. Ayers for an investigation by the Inspector General relative to the leasing practices of the Water Resources Authority. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2776* OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act directing the office of the inspector general to conduct a study of leasing practices utilized by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

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

SECTION 1. The inspector general is hereby authorized and directed to expend an amount not exceeding $150,000 to study all Massachusetts water resources authority leasing agreements in which the authority is either the lessor or lessee of real property. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis, appraisal, evaluation and listing of all real property owned or under the control of the authority and shall detail whether such property is generating a positive or negative economic impact for ratepayers in the authority's district. Said study shall document whether all such real property leases have been authorized in accordance with all applicable or generally accepted principles of advertising and procurement. The inspector general shall include his recommendations for improving real property oversight at the authority and, if indicated by his findings, shall provide draft legislation to improve administration in this

11 area to ensure the authority is receiving the maximum feasible return and is applying the same
12 for the benefit of ratepayers. The inspector general shall complete this study no later than
13 October 15, 2017 and shall submit his findings and recommendations to the house and senate
14 committees on ways and means not later than December 15, 2017.