

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2964

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

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*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 establishing a commission on police jurisdiction on Massachusetts Port Authority properties.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Nick Collins*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Suffolk*

DATE ADDED:

*1/16/2015*

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2964) of Nick Collins for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to police jurisdiction on Massachusetts Port Authority properties in the South Boston Waterfront of the city of Boston. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act establishing a commission on police jurisdiction on Massachusetts Port Authority properties.

*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. There shall be a special commission established on police jurisdiction on  
2   Massachusetts Port Authority properties in the South Boston Waterfront in the city of Boston.  
3   The commission shall examine the feasibility of concurrent jurisdiction between the department  
4   of the state police and municipal police departments on Massachusetts Port Authority properties  
5   located in the South Boston Waterfront. The commission shall study the current jurisdictional  
6   framework and emergency response services to the South Boston Waterfront. The commission  
7   shall consider concurrent jurisdiction between the department of state police and local municipal  
8   police, excluding those properties exclusive to aviation and port operations, and recommend  
9   procedures involving: (i) assignment of police officers; (ii) first responder calls and emergency  
10   911 dispatch; (iii) emergencies occurring on Massachusetts Port Authority properties; (iv)  
11   criminal investigations of incidents and crimes; (v) arrests and processing of individuals taken

12 into custody; and (vi) traffic management. The commission shall report its findings, including  
13 any potential memoranda of understanding, to the senate and house committees on ways and  
14 means no later than June 1, 2016.

15         SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of nine members: the secretary of the  
16 executive office of public safety and security or designee; the Massachusetts Port Authority port  
17 director or designee; the colonel of the state police department or designee; the commissioner of  
18 the Boston police department or designee; the mayor of Boston or designee; the Boston city  
19 councilor elected to represent district 2; one Boston city councilor elected at-large whom shall be  
20 selected by the Boston city council president; the senator from the first Suffolk district; and the  
21 representative from the fourth Suffolk district.