

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 expanding the duties of members of the General Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	1/16/2015
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	2/4/2015
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	5th Worcester	3/20/2015
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	2/3/2015
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk	1/26/2015
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	1/29/2015
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	2/4/2015
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	3/23/2015
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	3/19/2015
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk	1/29/2015
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk	2/2/2015
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	3/23/2015
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	2/3/2015

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3303) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize members of the General Court to solemnize marriages and communicate directly with state agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act expanding the duties of members of the General Court.

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

- 1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the
- 2 following section:-
- 3 Section 10B. (a) A member of the general court may solemnize a marriage in the same

4 manner as those persons listed in section 38 of chapter 207.

5 (b) A member of the general court shall be able to communicate directly with a state 6 agency in order to advocate for the member's constituent or otherwise provide constituent 7 services. No state agency shall require a person to sign or otherwise execute a written release 8 form prior to allowing such direct communication between a member of the general court and 9 the agency on the person's behalf.