

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4725**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins and Linda Dorcena Forry*

*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 to investigate the need and feasibility of a helipad in the South Boston section of the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>11/4/2016</i>

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By Representative Collins of Boston and Senator Forry, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the need and feasibility of a helipad in the South Boston section of the city of Boston. Transportation.

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

An Act establishing a commission to investigate the need and feasibility of a helipad in the South Boston section of the city of Boston.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to facilitate a discussion between agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the city of Boston in order to explore the costs and impacts related to proposed a helipad in the South Boston section of the city of Boston, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 legislative commission established pursuant to  
2 section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to study the need for and feasibility of constructing  
3 a helipad in the South Boston section of the city of Boston. The commission shall consist of: 1  
4 member of the senate who represents the first Suffolk district and shall serve as co-chair; 1  
5 member of the house of representatives who represents the 4th Suffolk district and shall serve as  
6 co-chair; the governor or designee; 2 members appointed by the mayor of Boston, one of whom  
7 shall represent the Boston Planning & Development Agency and one of whom shall represent the  
8 office of economic development for the city of Boston; the president of the Boston city council

9 or designee; the secretary of the department of transportation or designee; and 2 members  
10 selected by the commission's chairs from a list submitted by civic associations in the South  
11 Boston section of the city of Boston.

12 SECTION 2. The commission shall investigate and study the need, feasibility and costs  
13 of building and operating a publicly owned and operated helipad in the South Boston section of  
14 the city of Boston, including but not limited to: whether any currently existing facilities within  
15 the city of Boston can support a helipad; the current licensing and permitting requirements for a  
16 building and operating a helipad; potential environmental impacts and noise pollution caused by  
17 the active use of a helipad in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; and impacts on  
18 infrastructure and neighboring businesses and residents from an active helipad within the South  
19 Boston section of the city of Boston. The commission shall hold three public hearings by  
20 December 31, 2016. The commission shall report its findings, including any proposed  
21 legislation and regulations, to the senate committee on intergovernmental affairs, the house  
22 committee on technology and intergovernmental affairs, the joint committee on transportation,  
23 the executive office of administration and finance, the Massachusetts department of  
24 transportation, the office of the mayor of Boston, the clerk of the Boston city council and the  
25 secretary of the Boston Planning & Development Agency, no later than January 15, 2017.