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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 require periodic regulatory review at the Department of Revenue.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1571) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to require periodic regulatory review at the Department of Revenue. Revenue.

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

An Act to require periodic regulatory review at the Department of Revenue.

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. Section 6 of Chapter 14 of Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2014 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph 9, the following new paragraph:-

10. Shall review rules and regulations promulgated by the department at least once every five years. The commissioner shall evaluate the need, clarity of language, and relevance of rules and regulations by following an establish criteria including but not limited to the scope and intent of the statutory authority; the benefits received and the costs imposed on the commonwealth; the burden imposed on taxpayers; the impact of cumulative regulations; and the appearance of duplicative regulations.

The commissioner shall report to the governor, secretary of administration and finance, the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight, and the house and senate committees on ways and means the finding and recommendations, if any, together with drafts of

13 regulation and legislation necessary to carry the recommendations into effect by filing the same
14 with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives on or before December 31 of each year
15 a report is due.