

SENATE No. 1690

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 for a mixed use redevelopment of state pier to enhance economic development of the New Bedford waterfront and downtown.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mark C. Montigny

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1690) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation regarding mixed use redevelopment of state pier to enhance economic development of the New Bedford waterfront and downtown. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act for a mixed use redevelopment of state pier to enhance economic development of the New Bedford waterfront and downtown.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of division
2 of capital asset maintenance and management in consultation with the secretary of transportation,
3 commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation and the seaport advisory council
4 shall within 90 days of passage of this act solicit a nationwide request for proposals, to redevelop
5 the state pier located along the historic New Bedford waterfront. Proposals may include private
6 entities or quasi-public authorities as well as other government entities or combination thereof
7 with experience in port development and management, to transform the state pier from its current
8 state into a vibrant public area. Redevelopment proposals should include plans to sustain current
9 and future expanded maritime related industries as well as plans for additional retail which may
10 include a fresh fish and produce market, dining and entertainment. Other mixed uses to be
11 considered include dedicated public space for major cultural events and waterfront accessibility
12 for the general public in such a way that it increases tourism and the footprint of the capital

13 improvements already made to the historic downtown and route 18. Prospective developers, in
14 conjunction with appropriate state agencies and other governmental entities, shall be encouraged
15 to create capital improvements which would increase tourism, public recreation and other
16 economic development including job creation in the Port of New Bedford. Developers shall also
17 demonstrate the financial ability and creativity to formulate an effective marketing plan to
18 maximize both local use and tourist use of the facility with the intent of creating a destination
19 landmark.