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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1255

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

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 study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Peter J. Durant	*6th Worcester*	*1/5/2017*
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*12/27/2017*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*12/27/2017*

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1255) of Peter J. Durant, Joseph D. McKenna and Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3278* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act establishing a commission to study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers.

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

There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to study and investigate post traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers. The commission shall consist of 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, the commissioner of public safety or a designee, the colonel of the state police or a designee, the secretary of health and human services or a designee, the commissioner of mental health and 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated. The members of the commission may elect a member to serve as chair. As part of its study and

investigation, the commission shall review causes of post traumatic stress disorder among police officers in the commonwealth, and identify the estimated prevalence of post traumatic stress disorder among police officers in the commonwealth. The commission shall identify and analyze methods, practices and programs, including those in other states, to prevent and treat post traumatic stress disorder in police officers. The commission shall make recommendations for which methods, practices and programs, including existing programs in the commonwealth, are most effective in preventing and treating post traumatic stress disorder in police officers.