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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1273

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/19/2017*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*	*12/27/2017*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*12/27/2017*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*12/27/2017*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*2/3/2017*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*	*12/27/2017*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*	*12/27/2017*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*12/27/2017*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*	*12/27/2017*
Mathew Muratore	*1st Plymouth*	*12/27/2017*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*12/27/2017*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*12/27/2017*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*	*12/27/2017*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*	*12/27/2017*
Shaunna L. O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*	*12/27/2017*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1273) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the use of the Internet by sex offenders. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2142* OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders.

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. The joint committee on public safety and homeland security shall convene a task force to report on electronic communications and the feasibility of tracking sex offender internet use, via methods including but not limited to: (1) internet protocol addresses, (2) media access control addresses, (3) internet service providers, (4) electronic mail, and (5) instant messaging. The task force's study shall address, but not be limited to, the following areas: (1) current laws and regulations; (2) other states' laws, regulations, and efforts; (3) the feasibility of registration of sex offenders' online addresses; and (4) relevant civil liberties issues.

SECTION 2. (a) The task force shall consist of 14 members: Four members of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, one of whom shall be appointed by the house

committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the senate committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader, and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; four members of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy, one of whom shall be appointed by the house committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the senate committee chair, one of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader, and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; one member of the state police, who shall be appointed by the colonel of the state police; one licensed attorney, with experience in civil rights' cases, who shall be appointed by the attorney general; and four experts who shall be appointed by the commissioners of the department of public utilities upon a majority vote, provided two of the experts have had significant knowledge of a private telecommunications company.

The task force may consult with other government agencies, both federal and state, as well as members of the telecommunication community.

SECTION 3. The task force shall submit a report, including any draft legislation and regulations, to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security within 12 months of the passage of this act.