

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1659**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*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 allowing the rejection of sub-bids.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*10th Suffolk*

*Daniel J. Ryan*

*2nd Suffolk*

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1659) of Edward F. Coppinger and Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to allow the rejection of contract sub-bids. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act allowing the rejection of sub-bids.

*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. Section 44E of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph of subsection (1) the  
3 following paragraph:-

4           In inviting bids, the awarding authority shall reserve the right to reject any or all such  
5 general bids, if it be in the public interest to do so. In inviting sub-bids in connection with such a  
6 contract, the awarding authority shall reserve the right to reject any sub-bid on any sub-trade, if it  
7 determines that such sub-bid does not represent the sub-bid of a person competent to perform the  
8 work as specified or that less than three such sub-bids were received and that the prices are not  
9 reasonable for acceptance without further competition.