

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1680**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jay R. Kaufman*

*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 eliminate unnecessary laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/12/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1680) of Jay R. Kaufman and James R. Miceli for the establishment of a commission (including members of the General Court) entitled the legislative sunset advisory commission to review the General Laws of the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act to eliminate unnecessary laws.

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

1           There shall be a commission entitled the Legislative Sunset Advisory Commission, which  
2 shall conduct a review of the Massachusetts General Laws and amendments thereof. The  
3 commission shall consist of 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the senate  
4 president and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 3 members of  
5 the house, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and 1 of whom shall be  
6 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the house clerk; senate clerk;  
7 house counsel; senate counsel; the state auditor or a designee; and 2 members appointed by the  
8 governor who shall have performance auditing experience. Commission members shall serve for  
9 a 2 year term and shall remain in office until a successor is appointed.

10           The Legislative Sunset Advisory Commission shall examine the language and objectives  
11 of all the General Laws and make recommendations, if any, to improve them. The Legislative  
12 Sunset Advisory Commission shall submit to the counsel to the senate and to the counsel to the

13 house of representatives, jointly, recommendations, including drafts of legislation, for the  
14 correction, revision, amendment, rearrangement, consolidation, compilation and recodification of  
15 the General Laws, or any of them, and amendments thereof, including recommendations for the  
16 repeal of such statutory provisions as have become obsolete or the reasons for the enactment of  
17 which have ceased to exist. The Legislative Sunset Advisory Commission may recommend the  
18 omission or repeal of redundant enactments and those which may have ceased to have any effect  
19 on existing rights, the rejection or elimination of superfluous words, the condensation of  
20 circuitous, tautological and ambiguous phraseology and the correction of mistakes,  
21 inconsistencies and imperfections found in the General Laws.

22           The Legislative Sunset Advisory Commission shall file a report of its findings and  
23 recommendations with the senate and house clerks and with the governor biannually beginning  
24 on January 1, 2017.