

HOUSE No. 2775

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Lyons, 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 relative to the fiscally responsible budget growth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/24/2017</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lyons of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2775) of James J. Lyons, Jr., and others relative to the growth of the state budget. Ways and Means.

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

An Act relative to the fiscally responsible budget growth.

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 6E of Chapter 29 as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word “budget” the following words:-

3 “and which shall not increase in total budget appropriations from the current fiscal year
4 by a percentage change greater than the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price
5 Index for Boston as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the calendar year next
6 proceeding the current fiscal year.”

7 SECTION 2. Section 6E of Chapter 29 as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition of the
8 General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “balanced” the following
9 words:- “or that would cause the total budget appropriations to increase greater than the afore
10 said rate of inflation.