

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3678**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*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 powers of the General Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3678) of Paul McMurtry, Jeffrey N. Roy and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to further regulate members of the General Court. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the powers of the General Court.

*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. Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 38C the following section:-

3 Section 38D. (a) A member of the general court may, notwithstanding any general or  
4 special law to the contrary, contact a state agency as defined in section 1 of chapter 30, when  
5 inquiring about a constituent without obtaining a release from such constituent.

6 (b) A member may, notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to  
7 the contrary, refer constituents directly to any state or local agency, organization or non-profit.

8 SECTION 2. Section 38 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
9 amended by inserting after the word “thereunder”, in line 12, the following words:- ; by a  
10 member of the general court; provided, however that such member shall not solemnize more than  
11 3 marriages annually; and provided, that no such member shall receive anything of value for  
12 such ceremony.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 268A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
14 following section:-

15 Section 30. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a member of the General Court from  
16 referring a constituent to, or such member directly contacting on behalf of a person or  
17 constituent, a state agency or any entity funded by the state, to make a legislative inquiry, or to  
18 obtain information relating to the constituent who has requested legislative assistance from a  
19 member to make an inquiry on his or her behalf. No state agency shall require a release from  
20 such constituent prior to a member dealing with such state agency or entity on the constituents  
21 behalf.