

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 775**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant***

*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 streamlining the investigation process of discrimination complaints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/6/2017</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Peter J. Durant, David Paul Linsky and Joseph D. McKenna relative to the investigation process of discrimination complaints. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act streamlining the investigation process of discrimination complaints.

*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. The second paragraph of section 5 of chapter 151B as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following:-

3           If within 21 days of service of the complaint a respondent files a motion to dismiss for  
4 lack of jurisdiction such a motion shall act as an automatic stay of the investigation pending the  
5 adjudication of the motion. The investigation shall not resume unless and until the commission  
6 determines that it has jurisdiction.