

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1314**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 regulating the closure of state police barracks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2154 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act regulating the closure of state police barracks.

*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 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 18 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, the following section:-

3 Section 18 <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. (a) The secretary of public safety and security shall provide notice to the  
4 general court of a closure of a state police barracks, in writing, not less than 120 days prior to the  
5 closure. The executive office of public safety and security shall conduct public hearings to be  
6 held in not less than 2 impacted communities before any such closure and shall file a report  
7 which shall include, but not be limited to:

8 (i) an examination of the public safety impact of closing a barracks on impacted  
9 communities;

10           (ii) a cost analysis of the closing including, but not limited to, the financial impact on  
11 impacted communities; and

12           (iii) a thorough appraisal of the building, land and structures on the property including,  
13 but not limited to, annual associated maintenance costs.

14           (b) The report shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives not  
15 later than 60 days after notice of a closure is given and the clerks shall forward the report to the  
16 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the members of the senate  
17 and house of representatives representing the impacted communities.