

SENATE No. 1696

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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 debarment in public contracts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fourth Middlesex

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1696) of Kenneth J. Donnelly for legislation relative to debarment in public contracts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to debarment in public contracts.

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. Subsection (c) of section 29F of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “may”, in line
3 59, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- shall.

4 SECTION 2. Said subsection (c) of said section 29F of said chapter 29, as so appearing,
5 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 59 to 61, inclusive, the words:- but, debarment shall
6 be imposed in all causes where debarment is required by law: .

7 SECTION 3. Subsection (d) of said section 29F of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is
8 hereby amended by striking out the word “may”, in line 109, and inserting in place thereof the
9 following word:- shall.

10 SECTION 4. Subsection (e) of said section 29F of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is
11 hereby amended by striking out the word “may”, in line 146, and inserting in place thereof the
12 following word:- shall.

13 SECTION 5. Subsection (f) of said section 29F of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is
14 hereby amended by striking out the word “may”, in line 171, and inserting in place thereof the
15 following word:- shall.

16 SECTION 6. Said section 29F of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
17 inserting after section (i) the following section:-

18 (j) Any employer, contractor or subcontractor, or any officer or agent thereof who has
19 been debarred under this section, who contracts or otherwise secures or participates in contract
20 from which they are barred, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250,000 or by
21 imprisonment for not more than 1 year for a first offense, or by both such fine and imprisonment,
22 and for a subsequent willful offense, a fine of not more than \$500,000, or by imprisonment for
23 not more than 2 years, or by both such fine and such imprisonment.

24 SECTION 7. Subsection (a) of section 27C of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as
25 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (3) the
26 following paragraph:-

27 (4) Any employer, contractor or subcontractor, or any officer or agent thereof who has
28 been debarred for violating any provision of sections 26, 27, 27A, 27B, 27F, 27G, 27H, who
29 contracts or otherwise secures or participates in any contract from which they are barred, shall be
30 punished by a fine of not more than \$250,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year for a
31 first offense, or by a fine and imprisonment, and for a subsequent willful offense, a fine of not
32 more than \$500,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or by both such fine and
33 such imprisonment.

34 SECTION 8. Subsection (10) of section 25C of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as
35 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “section
36 fourteen”, in line 150, the following paragraph:-

37 (a) Any employer, contractor or subcontractor, or any officer or agent thereof who has
38 been debarred under this section, who contracts or otherwise secures or participates in contract
39 from which they are barred, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250,000 or by
40 imprisonment for not more than 1 year for a first offense, or by both such fine and imprisonment,
41 and for a subsequent willful offense, a fine of not more than \$500,000, or by imprisonment for
42 not more than 2 years, or by both such fine and such imprisonment.