

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 ensuring forensic service integrity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/26/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/27/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/27/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>4/27/2017</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>4/27/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No.) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Richard J. Ross, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Viriato M. deMacedo and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure forensic service integrity. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act ensuring forensic service integrity.

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 184A of Chapter 6 as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3 The board shall, beginning no later than September 1, 2017 and not less than each three
4 years thereafter, initiate a comprehensive audit of any and all laboratories providing forensic
5 service that are operated by or on behalf of the commonwealth through a written request to the
6 Inspector General. Such request shall contain a description of the nature and scope of the audit,
7 whose principal purpose shall be ensuring the accuracy and integrity of such forensic services.

8 Upon receiving such request the Inspector General shall, in collaboration with the state
9 auditor, conduct such an audit within 12 months, provided that the Inspector General shall
10 consult with the undersecretary of forensic sciences and the board, as necessary, to maximize the
11 effectiveness and utility of the audit. The inspector general shall report the findings of the audit

12 to the clerks of the house and senate, and to the board. The undersecretary shall review such
13 findings, and include any recommendations based on such review to the board, provided that any
14 legislative recommendations shall be reported to the joint committee on the judiciary.