

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dorcena Forry

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 modernization of the taxi cab industry in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Linda Dorcena Forry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

SENATE No.

By Ms. Forry, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No.) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation relative to the modernization of the taxi cab industry in Massachusetts. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to the modernization of the taxi cab industry in Massachusetts.

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 90 of the General laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 “Section 63. (a) There shall be a special commission to study the taxi cab industry in
4 cities and towns in the commonwealth. The task force shall study the current climate of the
5 taxicab industry including, but not limited to, rules and regulations, industry viability,
6 competitive issues facing the industry, financial burden, cost and financing of medallions and
7 vehicle related issues.

8 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members: 2 persons to be appointed by
9 the senate president, 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate and shall serve as chair and 1 of
10 whom shall be a taxi medallion owner with not more than 4 medallions; 2 persons to be
11 appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of
12 representatives and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the banking industry who provides

13 mortgages or loans to purchase medallions; 3 persons to be appointed by the governor; the
14 secretary of housing and economic development or a designee; a commissioner from the
15 department of public utilities or a designee; 1 person to be appointed by the mayor of the city of
16 Boston; 1 person to be appointed by the mayor of the city of Springfield; 1 person to be
17 appointed by the mayor of the city of Worcester; and 1 person to be appointed by the city
18 manager of the city of Cambridge.

19 (c) The task force shall file a report, along with any proposed legislation, with the clerks
20 of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2018. The commission shall
21 be formed and hold its first meeting not later than January 1, 2018.”.