

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 765**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carolyn C. Dykema*

*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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 765) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the financial and environmental impacts of disposal and end-of-life management of mattresses and associated foundations on municipalities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling.

1           **Resolved**, There shall be a special commission to study the financial and environmental  
2 impacts of disposal and end-of-life management of mattresses and associated foundations on  
3 municipalities of the Commonwealth. The commission shall examine existing mattress  
4 management options, including recycling and disposal infrastructure, and make  
5 recommendations on policies and programs to increase mattress reuse and recycling, and to  
6 mitigate the financial and environmental costs of managing said materials. The commission shall  
7 review all aspects of mattress disposal and end-of-life management including, but not limited to:  
8 i) availability of local management options; ii) costs and benefits of existing options to taxpayers  
9 and municipalities; iii) programs and policies in other states that promote proper diversion of  
10 mattresses to reduce costs; iv) opportunities to increase additional community impacts through  
11 preferred partnerships with local nonprofit social enterprises and organizations that recycle  
12 mattresses; and v) programs and policies utilized in other states.

13           The commission shall consist of the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of  
14 Environmental Protection, or his/her designee, who shall serve as chair of the special  
15 commission; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the  
16 senate and 1 by the minority leader; 2 members of the house, 1 of whom shall be appointed by  
17 the speaker and 1 by the minority leader; 2 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom  
18 shall have experience in integrated materials management and waste management and one of  
19 whom shall be a representative from a Massachusetts-based mattress recycling social enterprise  
20 program; a representative of MassRecycle, Inc.; and a representative of the International Sleep  
21 Products Association. The commission shall convene its first meeting not later than March 1,  
22 2018 and shall file a report along with any recommendations for legislative reform not later than  
23 August 31, 2018 with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the chairs of the  
24 senate and house committees on ways and means, and the chairs of the joint committee on  
25 environment, natural resources and agriculture.