

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2892**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul W. Mark*

*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 a Massachusetts broadband competitive marketplace study.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                   | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Paul W. Mark</i>           | <i>2nd Berkshire</i>                | <i>1/15/2019</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>          | <i>2nd Hampden</i>                  | <i>1/21/2019</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i>         | <i>First Essex</i>                  | <i>1/15/2019</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i>             | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i>         | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>          | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>             | <i>5th Barnstable</i>               | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>         | <i>2nd Suffolk</i>                  | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>         | <i>9th Hampden</i>                  | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>     | <i>2nd Franklin</i>                 | <i>1/29/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2892) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to the establishment of a special commission to examine the state of the advanced telecommunications broadband industry in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to a Massachusetts broadband competitive marketplace study.

*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 XXXX. (a) There shall be a special commission to examine the state of the  
2 advanced telecommunications broadband industry in Massachusetts, including fiber-to-the-  
3 premises, cable, wireless, and landline technologies with the goal of recommending a rational  
4 and balanced approach to oversight of the interconnected telecommunications network of the  
5 future and ensure the Commonwealth's consumers, both residents and businesses, as well as  
6 Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) have access to reliable and competitive  
7 broadband network.

8           (b) The commission shall review: (i) status of competition and pricing for  
9 broadband communications services and networks; (ii) current and future consumer expectations;  
10 (iii) assessment of national and international approaches to ensuring core public interest  
11 principles and robust communications capabilities are maintained; (iv) reliability, resiliency and  
12 interoperability of networks; (v) technology types and speeds available across the state; (vi)

13 access and underservice issues; (vii) Overview of the E-Rate, Rural Health, and FirstNet Federal  
14 and other broadband programs in the Commonwealth; and (viii) comparative analysis of results  
15 matching census data across the Commonwealth.

16 (c) The special commission shall consist of the following members or their  
17 designees: the Commissioner of the department of telecommunications and cable, who shall  
18 serve as a co-chair; the senate and house chairmen of the Joint Committee on  
19 Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy who shall serve as the other co-chairs; (1)  
20 representative of the Massachusetts Attorney General Consumer Advocacy & Response Division  
21 (1) representative of the Massachusetts Communications Supervisors Association.; (1)  
22 representative of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute; (1) representative of the Massachusetts  
23 Municipal Association, Inc.; (1) representative of the Massachusetts Technology Leadership  
24 Council ; (1) representative designated by the President of the AFL-CIO from a Massachusetts  
25 telecommunications union and (2) members who shall be appointed by the governor, (1) of  
26 whom shall be a professor from with research in telecommunication policy, and (1) of whom  
27 shall be a senior executive/manager from a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC).

28 (d) The special commission shall file an initial report of its recommendations and  
29 drafts of proposed broadband legislation or regulations, if any, on subsection (b) with the clerks  
30 of the house of representatives and the senate, the President of the Senate, The Speaker of the  
31 House of Representatives, the Governor and the chairs of the house and senate committees on  
32 ways and means not later than December 31, 2020. The special commission shall file a final  
33 report providing a full report regarding said subsection (b) not later than March 1, 2021.