

SENATE . . . . . No. 495

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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:	
Edward J. Kennedy	First Middlesex	
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	1/30/2019
Joseph A. Boncore	First Suffolk and Middlesex	1/30/2019
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	1/31/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/31/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/31/2019
Diana DiZoglio	First Essex	1/31/2019
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	1/31/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	1/31/2019
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/1/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/4/2019
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	3/5/2019

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 495) of Edward J. Kennedy, Patrick M. O'Connor, Joseph A. Boncore, Daniel J. Hunt and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2174 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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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  
18 whom shall have experience in integrated materials management and waste management and one  
19 of whom shall be a representative from a Massachusetts-based mattress recycling social  
20 enterprise program; a representative of MassRecycle, Inc.; and a representative of the  
21 International Sleep Products Association. The commission shall convene its first meeting not  
22 later than March 1, 2018 and shall file a report along with any recommendations for legislative  
23 reform not later than August 31, 2018 with the Clerks of the Senate and House of  
24 Representatives, the chairs of the Senate and House committees on Ways and Means, and the  
25 chairs of the joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.