

HOUSE No. 2534

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Erika Uytterhoeven

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 to increase oversight of the Massachusetts State Police through stringent budget accounting and regulation of overtime reporting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Ms. Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2534) of Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to increase oversight of the Massachusetts State Police through stringent budget accounting and regulation of overtime reporting. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to increase oversight of the Massachusetts State Police through stringent budget accounting and regulation of overtime reporting.

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 17 of chapter 22C of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the first sentence, inclusive, the following:-

3 This statement shall include an itemized list of projected expenses, including but not
4 limited to: labor costs, pension and employee benefit costs, equipment costs, weapons purchases,
5 fuel purchases, vehicle purchases, and all other expenditures that arise from being included under
6 “Department of State Police and Related Programs” Direct Appropriations 8100-1001, as well as
7 any budget item where the requested expense is greater than \$50,000 in a given fiscal year.

8 SECTION 2. Section 18 of said chapter 22C is hereby amended by striking the first
9 paragraph, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following :-

10 The colonel may, in the event of any public emergency, or of any unusual demand for the
11 services of members of the state police serving in any bureau of the department, or whenever he
12 deems it in the public interest, require such members to work additional hours of duty and
13 prevent such members from taking time off when entitled thereto, or at the time assigned
14 therefor; provided, however, that such members shall be compensated for any additional work in
15 accordance with the provision of section thirty C of chapter one hundred and forty-nine. All
16 allocations of overtime shall be subject to review by the Office of the Inspector General for
17 supervision. The colonel shall furnish copies of all employee overtime reports to the Office of
18 the Inspector General annually, not after January 31st for the previous year's reports, beginning
19 January 31, 2022. Additionally, any employee of the Department of State Police who is found by
20 a supervisor or other employee, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have falsified,
21 fraudulently submitted, or otherwise purposely misrepresented information on any documents
22 pertaining to overtime payment for hours worked shall be suspended from the Department of
23 State Police until an investigation is conducted by the Office of the Inspector General. If the
24 employee is found to have falsified any overtime documentation, they shall be terminated from
25 the Department of State Police, effective immediately and suffer a loss of pension. Any
26 employee of the Department of State Police, having previously been found by said Department
27 to have falsified overtime payment reports, shall be immediately terminated, barred from future
28 employment with the Department of State Police, and suffer a loss of pension.