

SENATE No. 2705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 authorizing the city of Taunton to contract for the renewal of services relative to the operation and maintenance of its wastewater treatment plant, sewers and pump stations, for a term not to exceed five years.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2705) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Taunton to contract for the renewal of services relative to the operation and maintenance of its wastewater treatment plant, sewers and pump stations, for a term not to exceed five years. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. [Local approval received]

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

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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. In order to address certain unforeseeable contingencies resulting from the
2 COVID-19 pandemic, which have contributed to delays with ongoing construction and
3 installation of critical, legally mandated improvements to the City of Taunton wastewater
4 treatment plant, sewers, and pump stations as necessary to protect public health and the natural
5 environment, and to ensure the successful completion of said improvements, notwithstanding the
6 provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, said city may enter into one additional
7 term of renewal, not to exceed five years, of such contract or contracts as are presently in
8 existence pursuant to the authority of Chapter 362 of the Acts of 1996 for the operation and
9 maintenance, financing, design and construction of modifications, and installation of new
10 equipment and systems, of said city’s wastewater treatment plant, sewers and pump stations.

11 Such renewal or extension shall be in accordance with terms and conditions acceptable to the
12 city at its sole discretion. Upon the expiration of such term of renewal, any subsequent contract
13 for the lease or sale, operation and maintenance, financing, design and construction of
14 modifications, and installation of new equipment and systems necessary at the wastewater
15 treatment plant, sewers and pump stations, shall be procured pursuant to the procedures set forth
16 in Chapter 362 of the Acts of 1996.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.