

HOUSE No. 1535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 expand the use of a summons and complaint system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1535) of Kenneth I. Gordon for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to conduct a study and make recommendations on how a summons and complaint system may be used in place of arrest in response to certain non-violent criminal offenses. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1622 OF 2021-2022.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act to expand the use of a summons and complaint system.

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. (a) There shall be established a special legislative commission to study how
2 a summons and complaint system may be used in place of arrest in response to certain non-
3 violent criminal offenses and a list of the applicable criminal offenses related thereto.

4 (b) The special legislative commission shall consist of 17 members: 2 of whom shall be
5 the chairs of the joint committee on the judiciary or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs;
6 4 of whom shall be members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of
7 the house, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative
8 Caucus; 2 of whom shall be members of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 2 of
9 whom shall be appointed by the governor; 1 of whom shall be the president of the Massachusetts

10 Sheriffs Association, Inc. or a designee; 1 of whom shall be a member of a police officers'
11 union; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police
12 Association, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts Police
13 Training Committee, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the American
14 Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Inc. or a designee; and 1 of whom shall be the president
15 of the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People New
16 England Area Conference, or a designee.

17 (c) The special commission shall submit its report and recommendations by filing the
18 same with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the joint
19 committee on the judiciary by no later than January 30, 2025.