

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1646**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jay D. Livingstone***

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*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 improve after hours bail procedures.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1646) of Jay D. Livingstone for legislation to improve after hours bail procedures. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to improve after hours bail procedures.

*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 24 of Chapter 262 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4           (a) Subject to appropriation, the Trial Court shall be responsible for compensation to  
5 persons authorized to take bail outside of regular working hours pursuant to this section.

6           SECTION 2. Section 24 of Chapter 262 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2018  
7 Official Edition is further amended by striking out the second paragraph.

8           SECTION 3. Section 24 of Chapter 262 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2018  
9 Official Edition is further amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place  
10 thereof the following paragraph:- (b) Persons authorized to take bail may administer though wire  
11 or electronic means any oath or affirmation required in the course of taking bail or releasing on

- 12 personal recognizance. No person authorized to take bail shall delegate the setting or taking of
- 13 bail or the setting or taking of release on personal recognizance to any other person.