

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2304**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael S. Day, (BY REQUEST)***

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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 public safety and security.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Vincent L. Dixon</i>	<i>60 Lake Street Unit N, Winchester Massachusetts 01890</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2304) of Vincent L. Dixon relative to the establishment of a state immigration processing and waiver office to improve public safety and security. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to improve public safety and security.

*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 I. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following new chapter:

3 State Immigration Processing & Waiver Act

4 An Act to Improve Public Safety and Security

5 SECTION II. – PURPOSE

6 The complex variety of problems relating to immigration, processing of new immigrants,  
7 and various clearances relating to residence, employment, and a variety of legal issues, has  
8 grown in recent years. – Federal Policy of The United States Government, has become  
9 increasingly confusing, and frustrating to state policy, employers, and local communities, further  
10 confusing, and complicating state, and local community services, and communities.

11           Thus, this legislation authorizes exploration by the Executive Office of Public Safety and  
12 Security (EOPSS), of establishing a:

13           Commonwealth of Massachusetts – State Immigration Processing & Waiver Office

14           SECTION III. – PURPOSES OF STATE IMMIGRATION PROCESSING & WAIVER  
15 OFFICE

16           A Pilot Program, is authorized to be established by the EOPSS, to develop a database of  
17 legal visitors, and residents; and to explore relevant Status Guidelines for all non-citizen entrants  
18 to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

19           This Pilot Program, shall explore the creation of Employer Sponsorship Agreements  
20 (ESAs), by which Massachusetts based employers, needing appropriately credentialed, or  
21 standard capable employees, may offer such positions, through the State Immigration Processing  
22 Services (SIPS).

23           As this Pilot Program, develops, it shall explore, with Federal authorities, how  
24 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Law Enforcement, might assume state jurisdiction of  
25 immigrant screening; of some number of employable non-citizen individuals; with possible  
26 Federal reimbursement.

27           In setting forth these standards, it is hoped that a pathway, for stabilization of immigrant  
28 lives, and families, and our state economy, might be accomplished for some number of  
29 individuals in Massachusetts.