

HOUSE No. 2415

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tommy Vitolo

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 establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/20/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/11/2023</i>

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By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2415) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 23A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 13H a new section containing the following:

3 Section XXX: A special commission is hereby established for the purposes of making an
4 investigation, study and evaluation relative to the costs and benefits attributable to creating a
5 fund to support the needs of public safety and sustainability and waste mitigation for nonprofit
6 events in the commonwealth. The special commission shall: review the costs for both security
7 and sustainability for nonprofit events; recommend appropriate funding sources for developing a
8 fund to offset the security and sustainability costs for Massachusetts nonprofits incurred during
9 public events.

10 The commission shall consist of: the secretary of public safety or their designee; the
11 director of the Massachusetts Office on Travel and Tourism or their designee; 1 member of the

12 senate who shall be appointed by the Senate President; 1 member of the House of
13 Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House; 2 members selected from a
14 list of 3 people submitted by the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau (Meet Boston);
15 and 2 members who shall be selected from a list of 3 names submitted by the Massachusetts
16 Municipal Association.

17 The special commission shall make recommendations, including proposed amendments
18 to section 12 of chapter 23A of the General Laws. The special commission shall file its
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, with the clerks of the Senate and House of
20 Representatives not later than 120 days after the passage of this legislation.