

SENATE No. 512

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>5/9/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2024</i>

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 512) of Edward J. Kennedy that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to mattress recycling. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 570 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling.

1 **Resolved**, that a special commission is hereby established for the purpose to study the
2 financial and environmental impacts of disposal and end-of-life management of mattresses,
3 including bed foundations and box springs, on municipalities of the commonwealth. The
4 commission shall examine existing mattress management options, such as recycling and material
5 disposal, and make recommendations on policies and programs to increase mattress reuse and
6 recycling, and to mitigate the financial and environmental costs of managing said materials. The
7 commission shall review all aspects of mattress disposal and end-of-life management including,
8 but not limited to, the: (i) availability of local management options, (ii) costs and benefits of
9 existing options to taxpayers and municipalities, (iii) programs and policies in other states that
10 promote proper diversion of mattresses to reduce costs, (iv) opportunities to increase additional

11 community impacts through preferred partnerships with local nonprofit social enterprises and
12 organizations that recycle mattresses, and (v) programs and policies utilized in other states.

13 The commission shall consist of the commissioner of the department of environmental
14 protection or his designee, who shall serve as commission chair; 2 members of the senate, 1 of
15 whom shall be appointed by the senate president and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
16 minority leader of the senate; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be
17 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
18 minority leader of the house of representatives; 2 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of
19 whom shall have experience in integrated materials management and waste management and 1
20 of whom shall be a representative from a Massachusetts-based mattress recycling social
21 enterprise program; a representative of MassRecycle, Inc.; and a representative of the
22 International Sleep Products Association. The commission shall convene its first meeting not
23 later than June 1, 2023, and shall file a report along with any recommendations for legislation not
24 later than November 30, 2023, with the clerks of the senate and house, the chairs of the senate
25 and house committees on ways and means, and the chairs of the joint committee on environment,
26 natural resources and agriculture.