

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2196**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jacob R. Oliveira***

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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 relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jacob R. Oliveira*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*

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By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2196) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission.

*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 is hereby amended by inserting after section 13U the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 13V. (a) There shall be established a commission on Massachusetts-Poland Trade  
4 within the international trade office which shall advance and promote the economic interests of,  
5 and strengthen the relationship between, the Commonwealth and the Republic of Poland. The  
6 commission shall study, research and advance analyses, and make recommendations to: (i)  
7 advance the bilateral trade and investments between the Commonwealth and the Republic of  
8 Poland; (ii) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to the Commonwealth and  
9 Republic of Poland; (iii) promote business and academic exchanges between the Commonwealth  
10 and the Republic of Poland; (iv) encourage mutual economic support between; (v) further  
11 investments in the infrastructure of the Commonwealth and the Republic of Poland; (vi) aid  
12 communities in the Commonwealth and the Republic of Poland through the creation of economic

13 and educational opportunities, and; (vii) address such other issues as the commission deems  
14 necessary.

15 (b) The commission shall consist of the following 21 members: 6 past or current  
16 members of the house of representatives, 5 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
17 house and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house, 6 past or current  
18 members of the senate, 5 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president and 1 of whom  
19 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 6 members appointed by the governor, 1  
20 of whom shall be the Polish consul general to New England, or a designee, 1 of whom shall be  
21 the secretary of the Commonwealth, or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of economic  
22 development, or a designee, 3 of whom shall be from an institute of higher education, but shall  
23 not be affiliated with the same institution; and 3 of whom shall be appointed from a list of no less  
24 than 5 persons submitted to the Governor by the Polish consul general to New England, all of  
25 whom shall be from a public organization promoting Polish American affairs, but shall not be  
26 affiliated with the same organization. All commission members shall be persons with knowledge  
27 of or current or past involvement in organizations that promote Polish American affairs or shall  
28 have interest in the well-being of trade relations between the Commonwealth and Republic of  
29 Poland.

30 The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but  
31 shall be reimbursed for any unusual and customary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
32 duties. Members shall be considered special state employees for the purposes of chapter 268A.

33 The commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer, and  
34 any other officers it deems necessary.

35           The commission shall hold meetings at the places it designates throughout the state

36           A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the

37 transaction of business of the commission.

38           (c) The commission shall annually report its findings together with recommendations for

39 legislation, if any, to the governor, speaker of the house, senate president, the secretary of

40 economic development no later than August 31st for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The

41 report shall be in writing and include recommendations as deemed appropriate by the

42 commission to effectuate its purpose, as provided by this section.