

HOUSE No. 10

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Honorable Steven James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

January 3, 2011

Dear Mr. James:

[Recommendation Header Text]

- 1.) AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPECIAL STATE POLICE

[Recommendation Narrative Text]

Sincerely,

[Filer Name]

[Filer Title]

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So much of the recommendations of the Office of the Inspector General (House, No. 8) as relates to special state police (House, No. 10). Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to special state police.

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. Chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 67 the following new section:

3 Section 67A. The colonel may, at the request of the inspector general, appoint as special
4 state police officers employees of the inspector general’s office who shall have and exercise
5 throughout the commonwealth the same powers to make arrests as the state police for any
6 criminal offense committed in connection with any activities under the jurisdiction of the
7 inspector general as defined in chapter 12A and shall have the power to serve warrants and other
8 criminal processes. Such special state police officers shall serve for three years, subject to
9 removal by the colonel, or until the petitioner files a notice with the department that the services
10 of such officer are no longer needed, whichever is less. Such special state police officers shall be
11 sworn before a justice of the peace or notary public who shall make a return thereof to the
12 department upon a form provided by said department. Upon receipt of said return, the
13 department shall issue a license to each person designated to act as a special state police officer,
14 and such license shall, in any court of the commonwealth, be competent evidence of the validity

15 of the appointment of the person named therein and of his authority to act as such special state
16 police officer. They shall report to the colonel as to their official acts at such times and in such
17 manner as he may require. They shall serve without pay, except their regular compensation as
18 employees of said office, and they shall receive no fees for service or return of any criminal
19 process.