

HOUSE No. 2964

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 commission on police jurisdiction on Massachusetts Port Authority properties.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2964) of Nick Collins for legislation to establishing a commission for police jurisdiction on Massachusetts Port Authority properties in the South Boston Waterfront in the city of Boston. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing a commission on police jurisdiction on Massachusetts Port Authority properties.

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. There shall be a special commission established on police jurisdiction on
2 Massachusetts Port Authority properties in the South Boston Waterfront in the city of Boston.
3 The commission shall examine the feasibility of concurrent jurisdiction between the department
4 of the state police and municipal police departments on Massachusetts Port Authority properties
5 located in the South Boston Waterfront. The commission shall study the current jurisdictional
6 framework and emergency response services to the South Boston Waterfront. The commission
7 shall consider concurrent jurisdiction between the department of state police and local municipal
8 police, excluding those properties exclusive to aviation and port operations, and recommend
9 procedures involving: (i) assignment of police officers; (ii) first responder calls and emergency
10 911 dispatch; (iii) emergencies occurring on Massachusetts Port Authority properties; (iv)
11 criminal investigations of incidents and crimes; (v) arrests and processing of individuals taken
12 into custody; and (vi) traffic management. The commission shall report its findings, including

13 any potential memoranda of understanding, to the senate and house committees on ways and
14 means no later than June 1, 2016.

15 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of nine members: the secretary of the
16 executive office of public safety and security or designee; the Massachusetts Port Authority port
17 director or designee; the colonel of the state police department or designee; the commissioner of
18 the Boston police department or designee; the mayor of Boston or designee; the Boston city
19 councilor elected to represent district 2; one Boston city councilor elected at-large whom shall be
20 selected by the Boston city council president; the senator from the first Suffolk district; and the
21 representative from the fourth Suffolk district.