

HOUSE No. 1778

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to outdated cost estimates by awarding authorities. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO OUTDATED COST ESTIMATES.

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 44J of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended at the end thereof by
3 inserting the following new subsection:—“(8) Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of this section or any other general or special law to the
5 contrary; a request for proposals or invitations for bids conducted
6 under Sections thirty-eight A½ to thirty-eight O, inclusive, of
7 Chapter seven; this section and Sections forty-four B to forty-four H,
8 inclusive, of this chapter, and Section thirty-nine M of Chapter
9 thirty, shall not be advertised if the awarding authority’s cost esti-
10 mate is greater than one year old.”