

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2327**

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others establishing reverse 911 service in the Commonwealth. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING REVERSE 911 SERVICE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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. Section 18A of Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 1,  
3 by striking out the word “18I” and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following word:— 18J

1 SECTION 2. Section 18A of Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as  
2 so appearing, is hereby amended, in line 67, after the word “point”  
3 the following definition:—  
4 “Reverse 911 service”, a service consisting of telephone network  
5 features provided for users of the public telephone system enabling  
6 an authorized person or agency to reach all telephone users within a  
7 specific geographic segment using any information included within  
8 the enhanced 911 service, including telephone numbers and  
9 addresses, but shall not include names of telecommunications sub-  
10 scribers.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 18I the following section:—

3 Section 18J. (a) The board shall develop a statewide plan for the  
4 implementation and maintenance of reverse 911 service. Such plan  
5 shall include the following:—

6 (1) A division of the Commonwealth into geographical segments.  
7 Reverse 911 service shall be established for each municipality or  
8 county, or by groups of municipalities or counties, as specified by  
9 the board.

10 (2) An implementation schedule for the establishment of reverse  
11 911 service.

12 (3) A list of public and private agencies authorized to use the  
13 reverse 911 service. Consideration shall be given to any party which  
14 acts in the public interest in emergency situations including but not  
15 limited to:— homeland security, natural disasters, industrial acci-  
16 dents, and missing persons.

17 (4) A procedure to ensure the database is kept current, with  
18 updates occurring not less than 2 times per year.

19 (b) The board shall provide the agencies specified in subsection  
20 (a) of this section with means to access the reverse 911 service.

21 (c) The board shall consider any existing facilities and infrastruc-  
22 ture, such as public safety answering points, as possible hosts and  
23 service points for the reverse 911 service.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.