

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2328**

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE USE OF THE INTERNET BY SEX OFFENDERS.

*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. The joint committee on public safety and homeland  
2 security shall convene a task force to report on electronic communi-  
3 cations and the feasibility of tracking sex offender internet use, via  
4 methods including but not limited to:—  
5 (1) internet protocol addresses;  
6 (2) media access control addresses;  
7 (3) internet service providers;  
8 (4) electronic mail; and  
9 (5) instant messaging.
- 10 The task force’s study shall address, but not be limited to, the  
11 following areas:—  
12 (1) current laws and regulations;  
13 (2) other states laws, regulations, and efforts;  
14 (3) the feasibility of registration of sex offenders’ online  
15 addresses; and  
16 (4) relevant civil liberties issues.

1 SECTION 2. (a) The task force shall consist of:—

2 (1) Three members of the joint committee on telecommunica-  
3 tions, utilities, and energy, two to be appointed by the chair, one to  
4 be appointed by the house minority leader;

5 (2) Three members of the joint committee on public safety and  
6 homeland security, to be appointed by the chair, two to be appointed  
7 by the chair, one to be appointed by the house minority leader;

8 (3) One member of the state police, to be appointed by the colonel  
9 of the state police;

10 (4) One licensed attorney, with experience in civil rights' cases, to  
11 be appointed by the attorney general; and

12 (5) Four experts to be appointed by the commissioners of the  
13 department of public utilities upon a majority vote, provided two of  
14 the experts have had significant knowledge of a private telecommu-  
15 nications company.

16 (b) The task force may consult with other government agencies,  
17 both federal and state, as well as members of the telecommunication  
18 community.

1 SECTION 3. The task force shall submit a report, including any  
2 draft legislation and regulations to the joint committee on public  
3 safety and homeland security within 12 months of enactment.