

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4151

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition of Byron Rushing and others relative to reviving and continuing the special commission (including members of the General Court) established to make an investigation and study of homelessness in the Commonwealth. Rules (Joint).

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the special commission, established by Chapter  
2 2 of the resolves of 2006 is hereby revived and continued and  
3 changed as provided hereunder.

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the resolves of 2006 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, and inserting  
3 in place thereof the following sentence:—

4 The commission shall consist of 5 members of the senate, 1 of  
5 whom shall be a member of the minority party, 5 members of the  
6 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be a member of the  
7 minority party, the director of housing and community develop-  
8 ment or her designee, the commissioner of mental health or her  
9 designee, the commissioner of transitional assistance or his  
10 designee, the secretary of veterans' services or his designee, the  
11 lieutenant governor or his designee, the secretary of administra-  
12 tion and finance or her designee, the commissioner of correction  
13 or his designee, the secretary of health and human services or her  
14 designee, the secretary of housing and economic development or  
15 his designee, 3 mayors or their designees nominated by the  
16 Massachusetts Municipal Association, the president of the Massa-  
17 chusetts Sheriffs' Association or his designee, the chief justice of

18 the housing court or his designee and 6 persons to be appointed by  
19 the governor.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said Chapter 2 of the resolves of  
2 2006, as so appearing is hereby amended in the first sentence by  
3 striking out the words “June 30, 2007”, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following:— December 30, 2007.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of said Chapter 2 of the resolves of  
2 2006, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first  
3 sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—  
4 The commission shall present to the general court its compre-  
5 hensive housing plan to end homelessness in the commonwealth,  
6 including a timeline for implementation, cost estimates and  
7 finance mechanisms and its recommendations, if any, together  
8 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations  
9 into effect by filing them with the clerk of the house of represen-  
10 tatives, who shall forward the same to the governor, the joint com-  
11 mittee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the joint  
12 committee on housing, and the house and senate committees on  
13 ways and means on or before December 30, 2007.

1 SECTION 4. Said section 4 of said chapter 2 of the resolves of  
2 2006, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking the  
3 last sentence.