

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01571**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding police details.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

*13th Essex*

*John D. Keenan*

*7th Essex*

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By Mr. Theodore C. Speliotis of Danvers, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01571) of John D Keenan and Theodore C. Speliotis relative to the use of police details instead of private flaggers under certain circumstances. Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding police details.

*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. Chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 61  
2 the following section:-

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4 Section 62. “Whereas it is recognized that police officers, with their superior training, greater  
5 enforcement authority, professionalism and experienced access to law enforcement resources,  
6 when working on so-called paid detail work increase public safety and are able to handle a  
7 variety of situations calling for a law enforcement response both on the site of such details and in  
8 the surrounding area when and as needed; now, therefore, notwithstanding any law or regulation  
9 to the contrary, private flaggers will only be used on any highway or other construction or repair  
10 jobs where the Commonwealth will save at least twenty (20%) percent of the cost of paid details  
11 by using flaggers in place of police officers. The head of the state agency funding such work

12 must certify in writing to the police chief of any community in or through which any such  
13 flaggers are to be used at least 30 days in advance, except in cases of emergency work, that such  
14 savings are assured, and must affording said chief or chiefs and respective police unions or  
15 associations the opportunity to review plans, make cost-saving recommendations, submit a  
16 proposal to provide police officers for such detail work, and document the estimated costs of  
17 using police officers.”.