

HOUSE No. 2672

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Biele

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a commission on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2672) of David Biele and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3516 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act establishing a commission on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established a special commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws, to investigate and study the promotion and celebration of the 250th
3 anniversary of the American Revolution.

4 The commission shall consist of the following 19 members: 3 members of the house of
5 representatives, 1 of whom shall be the house chair of the joint committee on tourism, arts and
6 cultural development, and 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader; 3 members of
7 the senate, 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the joint committee on tourism, arts and
8 cultural development, and 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader; the
9 commissioner of conservation and recreation; and 12 members to be appointed by the governor,

10 2 of whom shall be nominated by the speaker of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be
11 nominated by the president of the senate, 1 of whom shall be the president of the Massachusetts
12 Historical Society, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Colonial Society, 1
13 of whom shall be a representative of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1 of
14 whom shall be a representative of the Museum of African-American History in Boston, 1 of
15 whom shall be a professor from an institution of higher learning with expertise in the area of
16 colonial or revolutionary era history, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Congregational
17 Library, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Boston area business community, and 1 of whom
18 shall be employees of the National Parks Service with experience in geographical areas of the
19 commonwealth with particular Revolutionary War history.

20 As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall: (1) develop a comprehensive
21 plan for promoting and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; (2)
22 identify all opportunities for individuals, municipalities, or other actors across the
23 commonwealth to participate in celebrations of the anniversary and recognize the particular
24 history of their geographical areas; (3) investigate and promote under-represented voices in the
25 American Revolution including but not limited to women, native peoples, and persons of color;
26 and (4) submit a report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, the president of
27 the senate and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate which may, upon the
28 agreement of the governor, speaker and senate president, be published for distribution to the
29 public, and which shall contain an overview of Massachusetts' particular role in the American
30 Revolution, and notable battles, events and figures of the era.