

HOUSE No. 3008

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 to study a post-conviction evidence retention facility.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Mark J. Cusack</i> | <i>5th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/18/2023</i> |

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By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3008) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to complete a feasibility study and report regarding the costs and benefits of constructing or leasing a post-conviction evidence retention facility in the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3119 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to study a post-conviction evidence retention facility.

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

1 The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance is, within ninety days of the
2 passage of this bill, authorized and directed to complete a feasibility study and report regarding
3 the costs and benefits of constructing or leasing a post-conviction evidence retention facility in
4 Massachusetts.

5 In undertaking such study and completing said report, the Division shall consider the
6 possible multi-state utilization of such a facility, proximity to existing public safety or law
7 enforcement lab facilities, space for future expansion, privacy and security concerns, geographic
8 convenience, highway access, availability of town water and town sewer service, estimated
9 potential savings to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, the advancement of criminal

10 justice in the Commonwealth, and such other matters as the Division deems helpful to the timely
11 completion of its report.

12 In conducting the study and in preparation of its report, the Division shall consult with
13 the Supreme Judicial Court, state or local bar associations, the Mass. Association of Criminal
14 Defense Attorneys, the District Attorneys of the Commonwealth, the Executive Office of Public
15 Safety, and the Mass. Municipal Association.

16 The Division shall file its report with the offices of the Senate President and the Speaker
17 of the House, the legislative Committees on State Administration, the Judiciary, Bonding and
18 Long-Term Debt, and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means.