

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1293**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 creating a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard J. Ross*

*Viriato M. deMacedo*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

*Plymouth and Barnstable*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1293) of Richard J. Ross and Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation to create a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1166 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act creating a commission to study the effectiveness of a drug dealer registry in the Commonwealth.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a commission  
2 shall be established to study the effectiveness of a statewide registry of known drug dealers. The  
3 goal of the commission shall be to review current policies and methods of tracking convicted  
4 drug dealers, the role of drug dealers in other crimes, and to examine the potential impacts to  
5 public safety of a statewide registry. The commission shall make a full report to the legislature  
6 with recommendations for legislation to create a registry of drug dealers or improve the tracking  
7 of known drug dealers. The commission shall consist of The Secretary of Public Safety and  
8 Security, or his designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or his designee;  
9 the Superintendent of the State Police, or his designee; 3 members of the House of  
10 Representatives that are chosen by the Speaker, 1 of which is a member of the minority party; 3

11 members of the Senate, chosen by the Senate President, 1 of which is a member of the minority  
12 party; and 1 member chosen by the governor. Said commission shall submit said report back to  
13 the legislature with findings and recommendations for legislation on or before December 31,  
14 2015.