

SENATE No. 1509

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 relative to excessive executive compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1509) of Jason M. Lewis, Ruth B. Balser, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Michael J. Barrett and others for legislation relative to excessive executive compensation. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to excessive executive compensation.

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: Section 1 of Chapter 63 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2014 official addition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “compensation”
3 the following new definition:-

4 “Compensation ratio” for a taxable year means a ratio where the numerator is the amount
5 equal to the greater of the compensation of the chief executive officer or the highest paid
6 employee of the business for the calendar year preceding the beginning of the taxable year and
7 the denominator is the amount equal to the median compensation of all employees employed by
8 the business, including all contracted employees under contract with the business, in the United
9 States for the calendar year preceding the beginning of the taxable year.

10 SECTION 2: Section 2 of Chapter 63 of the Massachusetts general Laws, as appearing in
11 the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new subsection:-

12 (e) Except as provided in (b) and (d), For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
13 2016, the tax imposed under this section upon financial institutions whose compensation ratio
14 exceeds 100, the sum of the of subsection (a) and an additional 2 per cent of the corporation's net
15 income determined to be taxable in accordance with this chapter.

16 SECTION 3: Section 39 of Chapter 63 of the Massachusetts general Laws, as appearing
17 in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new subsection:-

18 (c) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, the tax imposed under this
19 section upon a publicly held corporation, as defined in Section 162(m)(2) of the Internal
20 Revenue Code, relating to publicly held corporation whose compensation ratio exceeds 100, the
21 sum of the total excise levied in subsection (a) and an additional 2 per cent of the corporation's
22 net income determined to be taxable in accordance with this chapter.