

HOUSE No. 3252

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven G. Xiarhos

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 crowdfunding for law enforcement officers (Lennon's Law).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3252) of Steven G. Xiarhos and others for legislation to authorize the solicitation of private donations for supporting certain first responders. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to crowdfunding for law enforcement officers (Lennon's Law).

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 23 of chapter 268A is hereby amended by adding the following
2 subsection:-

3 (g) Notwithstanding provisions in this chapter, chapter 268B or any other general or
4 special law to the contrary, public employees may solicit and accept funds and donors may
5 donate funds, through crowdfunding or otherwise, for the purpose of supporting a first responder,
6 including firefighters, law enforcement officers or EMS first responders, injured or killed in the
7 line of duty, and the family and significant others of the first responder.

8 SECTION 2. The state ethics commission shall, within 180 days from the passage of this
9 act, promulgate regulations to implement section 1.