

SENATE No. 2174

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/27/2017</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>9/27/2017</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/27/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>9/27/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/28/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>10/11/2017</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2174) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eileen M. Donoghue, RoseLee Vincent, Michael F. Rush, Frank I. Smizik and other members of the General Court that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mattress recycling.

1 **Resolved**, There shall be a special commission to study the financial and environmental
2 impacts of disposal and end-of-life management of mattresses and associated foundations on
3 municipalities of the Commonwealth. The commission shall examine existing mattress
4 management options, including recycling and disposal infrastructure, and make
5 recommendations on policies and programs to increase mattress reuse and recycling, and to
6 mitigate the financial and environmental costs of managing said materials. The commission
7 shall review all aspects of mattress disposal and end-of-life management including, but not
8 limited to: i) availability of local management options; ii) costs and benefits of existing options
9 to taxpayers and municipalities; iii) programs and policies in other states that promote proper
10 diversion of mattresses to reduce costs; iv) opportunities to increase additional community
11 impacts through preferred partnerships with local nonprofit social enterprises and organizations
12 that recycle mattresses; and v) programs and policies utilized in other states.

13 The commission shall consist of the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of
14 Environmental Protection, or his/her designee, who shall serve as chair of the special
15 commission; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the
16 senate and 1 by the minority leader; 2 members of the house, 1 of whom shall be appointed by
17 the speaker and 1 by the minority leader; 2 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom
18 shall have experience in integrated materials management and waste management and one of
19 whom shall be a representative from a Massachusetts-based mattress recycling social enterprise
20 program; a representative of MassRecycle, Inc.; and a representative of the International Sleep
21 Products Association. The commission shall convene its first meeting not later than March 1,
22 2018 and shall file a report along with any recommendations for legislative reform not later than
23 August 31, 2018 with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the chairs of the
24 senate and house committees on ways and means, and the chairs of the joint committee on
25 environment, natural resources and agriculture.