

HOUSE No. 2586

By Mr. MacKenzie of Wareham, petition of Charles A. MacKenzie, Jr., relative to the awarding of certain contracts for construction and for the purchase of materials by the Commonwealth or political subdivisions thereof. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AWARDING OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS BY THE COMMONWEALTH OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THEREOF.

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

1 Paragraph (b) of section 39M of chapter 30 of the General
2 Laws as amended by chapter 535 of the acts of 1967, is
3 hereby amended by adding the following sentence: —

4 Any device or equipment on which there is a U.S. patent in
5 effect may be specified by name followed by the term “or
6 equal” provided the economies of such a specification can be
7 clearly demonstrated by the specifying agency to pay for any
8 increased cost of the equipment over conventional devices
9 within a reasonable period of time, or, will result in a lower
10 first cost of operation.

