

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Richard Moore, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to permit state agencies to join in collective purchasing by cities and towns. State Administration.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE COLLECTIVE PURCHASING STATUTES SO AS TO PERMIT STATE AGENCIES TO JOIN IN COLLECTIVE PURCHASING EFFORTS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

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

1 Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 Section 22B, and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section: —

4 *Section 22B.* (a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of  
5 law relating to collective purchasing, but subject, however, to all  
6 other laws regulating public purchases and competitive bidding,  
7 any two or more political subdivisions, as defined in section  
8 twenty-two A, may join together for the purpose of obtaining and  
9 accepting competitive bids on similar items of materials, supplies,  
10 equipment or services which they intend to purchase, provided  
11 that each political subdivision shall accept sole responsibility for  
12 any payment due the vendor for its share of such purchase.

13 (b) Public agencies of the Commonwealth may utilize contracts  
14 prepared by two or more political subdivisions of the purchase of  
15 public safety materials, supplies, or equipment, subject to the  
16 rules, regulations and procedures established by the State Pur-  
17 chasing Agent provided that prior approval for said public agency  
18 to use such contract shall be obtained from the State Purchasing  
19 Agent. The State Purchasing Agent is authorized to review all  
20 bidding documents and contracts resulting therefrom issued by

21 political subdivisions in those cases where the resulting contract is  
22 being considered for use by a state agency.

23 The State Purchasing Agent and the Secretary of Public Safety  
24 shall report to the Secretary of Administration and Finance and  
25 the Committee on State Administration of the General Court no  
26 later than December 31, 1986 on the operation of this act.