

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lee, petition of Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to regulate the activities of certain employees of the Commonwealth as legislative agents of state agencies. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1986
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after section 6A
3 the following section: —

4 No state agency, as defined in section 1 of chapter six A,
5 including any department, office, commission, committee,
6 council, board, division, bureau, institution, officer, or agency
7 within the executive branch of the commonwealth, including
8 without limitation the executive offices created by chapters six A
9 and seven, shall make expenditure for the services of any person
10 to act as a legislative agent on behalf of such state agency;
11 provided, however, that each secretariat within the executive
12 branch established pursuant to section two of chapter six A may
13 make expenditure for the services of one such person to act as
14 a legislative agent on behalf of such secretariat. For the purposes
15 of this section, "legislative agent" shall mean any person who for
16 compensation or reward does any act to promote, oppose, or
17 influence legislation considered by the general court or any joint
18 or standing committee or special committee or commission
19 thereof; the term shall include persons who, as any part of their
20 regular and usual employment and not simply incidental thereto,
21 attempt to promote, oppose, or influence legislation, whether or
22 not any compensation in addition to the salary for employment
23 is received for such services.

