

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to establish and administer a separate fund to be known as the "neighborhood policing fund". Taxation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING.

*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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 35N, the following section: —  
3 Section 350. There shall be established and set up on the books  
4 of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be administered by the  
5 commissioner of the department of revenue, to be known as the  
6 Neighborhood Policing Fund. Said fund shall consist of all  
7 revenues received by the commonwealth (1) pursuant to the provi-  
8 sions of section six H of chapter sixty-two, from public and  
9 private sources as appropriations, gifts, grants, and donations. All  
10 revenues credited to said fund under this section shall remain in  
11 said fund, not subject to appropriation, for application to said  
12 purposes. The state treasurer shall not deposit said revenues in or  
13 transfer said revenues to the general fund or any other fund other  
14 than the Neighborhood Policing Fund. The state treasurer shall  
15 deposit monies in said fund in accordance with the provisions of  
16 sections thirty-four, and thirty-four A of chapter twenty-nine in  
17 such manner as will secure the highest interest rate available  
18 consistent with safety of the fund and with the requirement that all  
19 amounts on deposit be available for immediate withdrawal at any  
20 time. Said fund shall be expended only for the purposes stated in  
21 section two G of chapter 111 at the direction of the commissioner  
22 of the department of revenue, and any unexpended balances shall  
23 be redeposited, as herein provided, for future use consistent with  
24 this section.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 62 of the General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 6G the following section: —

3 Section 6H. Every individual who files a separate return and  
4 every husband and wife filing a return jointly, may voluntarily  
5 contribute one dollar from any refund to which they are entitled,  
6 or may voluntarily add an amount onto any amount due, to be  
7 credited to the Neighborhood Policing Fund.

8 A contribution of one dollar made under this section may be  
9 made with respect to any taxable year at the time of filing a return  
10 of the tax imposed by this chapter for such taxable year; provided,  
11 however, that the commissioner shall prescribe the manner in  
12 which such contribution shall be made on the face of the return  
13 required by section five of chapter sixty-two C.

14 The commissioner shall annually report the total amount desig-  
15 nated under this section to the state treasurer, who shall credit  
16 such amount to said Neighborhood Policing Fund.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 2F the following section: —

3 Section 2G. There is hereby established a neighborhood  
4 policing fund review board which shall consist of eleven members  
5 to be appointed independently and separately by the following  
6 civic organizations and state officials as follows:

7 One member shall be appointed by the Neighborhood Justice  
8 Network, one member shall be appointed by the Senate President,  
9 one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
10 Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the Attorney  
11 General, one member shall be appointed by the Boston Coalition  
12 of Crime Prevention Practitioners, Boston, MA, one member shall  
13 be appointed by the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association,  
14 one member shall be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety,  
15 one member shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Department  
16 of Youth Services, one member shall be appointed by the District  
17 Attorney of Middlesex County, one member shall be appointed by  
18 the District Attorney of Suffolk County and one member shall be  
19 appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts.

20 Appointees to the board shall serve a term of no longer than  
21 two years. Upon completion of the said term, the appointing  
22 organization shall re-nominate the standing board member, or

23 designate a new member. Should vacancies arise, the appointing  
24 organization shall fill the vacant position within a time period  
25 extending not more than three months from the time of the  
26 vacancy.

27 Said advisory board shall advise the commissioner regarding  
28 issues of neighborhood policing to assist communities in fighting  
29 crime and developing community involvement. Said board shall  
30 also make recommendations regarding the disbursement and  
31 awarding of funds from the Neighborhood Policing Fund to neigh-  
32 borhood policing initiatives that demonstrate a formal collabora-  
33 tion between law enforcement and communities agencies/civic  
34 organizations established pursuant to section thirty-five O of  
35 chapter ten.

