

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brown, Scott (SEN)

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting persons convicted of a felony from registering as a Legislative or Executive Agent

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Brown, Scott (SEN) | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex |
| Mr. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |
| Mr. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire |
| Mr. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |
| Mr. Tisei | Middlesex and Essex |
| Todd M. Smola | 1st Hampden |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROHIBITING PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM REGISTERING AS A LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE AGENT.

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. Section 41 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Prior to annual registration, the state secretary shall require every legislative and
4 executive agent to successfully complete an approved education course, which shall consist of:-

5 (1) not more than 2 hours provided by the office of the attorney general;

6 (2) not more than 2 hours provided by the office of campaign and political
7 finance; and

8 (3) not more than 2 hours provided by the office of the state secretary.

9 SECTION 2. Said chapter 3 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 41 the
10 following section:-

11 Section 41A. (a) No person convicted in the commonwealth of an offense punishable by
12 death or imprisonment in the state prison, or of a like offense in another jurisdiction, and for
13 whom all appellate review of the original trial court proceedings has been exhausted, shall be
14 eligible to register as a legislative agent or executive agent under section 41.

15 (b) The state secretary shall require that legislative and executive agents affirm their
16 eligibility to register under this section on annual registration forms.

17 (c) Any legislative or executive agent convicted of a felony shall notify the state
18 secretary, not later than 5p.m. on the fifth business day after the date of conviction. Upon receipt
19 of such notification, the state secretary shall terminate such person's registration, effective
20 immediately.

21 (d) A legislative agent or executive agent whose registration is terminated under this
22 section shall file an itemized statement pursuant to section 43 for the period of registration from
23 the most recent filed statement to the date of termination.