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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1550

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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:

An Act relative to the awarding of costs and attorney's fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1550) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the awarding of costs and attorney's fees. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2259* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to the awarding of costs and attorney's fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59H of Chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence of the fifth paragraph the following sentence:-

The court may also award costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the moving party if the plaintiff voluntarily dismisses the action after said special motion to dismiss is filed but prior to the court's ruling on said motion.