

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1243**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Stephen Stat Smith***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act allowing the use of credit cards to pay tuition.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/6/2012</i>

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By Mr. Smith of Everett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1243) of Stephen Stat Smith for legislation to prohibit educational institutions from imposing surcharges on credit card payments. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1173 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act allowing the use of credit cards to pay tuition.

*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. Clause 2 of subsection (a) of section 28A of chapter 140D of the General  
2   Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3   sentence:-

4           No college, university or other educational institution may impose a surcharge on a  
5   cardholder who elects to use a credit card in lieu of payment by cash , check or similar means.