

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 514**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

*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 relative to rent escrow.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>
<i>Paul Adams</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2011</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 514) of Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to require that tenants or occupants deposit with court clerks rents due prior to final disposition of cases. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1744 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to rent escrow.

*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 8A of chapter 239 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “and” in line 30.

3 SECTION 2. Said section 8A of said chapter, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
4 by inserting, after the word “vacated;”, in line 32, the following clause:-

5 and (5) the tenant or occupant deposits with the clerk all rent due prior to final  
6 disposition of the plaintiff’s action;