

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 521**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cleon H. Turner*

*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 regarding discovery in summary process actions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/13/2011</i>

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By Mr. Turner of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 521) of Cleon H. Turner relative to discovery in summary process actions. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3781 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act regarding discovery in summary process actions.

*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. Notwithstanding any law or special law to the contrary Chapter 239 of the  
2 General Laws shall be amended by adding a new section at the end thereof:

3           Section 2B. No summary process action shall be continued or extended from the  
4 original court date upon filing of requests for discovery pursuant to the Uniform Summary  
5 Process Rules unless the tenant files has answered the complaint.