

SENATE No. 99

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 protecting victims of unlicensed debt collections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James B. Eldridge

Lori A. Ehrlich

Gale D. Candaras

8th Essex

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 99) of James B. Eldridge, Lori A. Ehrlich and Gale D. Candaras for legislation to protect victims of unlicensed debt collection activities . Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 132 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act protecting victims of unlicensed debt collections.

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 28 of Chapter 93 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following:-

3 “Any person who engages in the business of debt collection without a license shall be
4 liable in restitution to any person collected against, and all other persons similarly situated to
5 such person who the court certifies are members of a class under section 9 of chapter 93A, for
6 any money or property obtained as a result of such unlicensed debt collection activity in addition
7 to any other damages allowed by law.”