

**SENATE . . . . . No. 99**

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**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:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	

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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.

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

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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.”