

HOUSE No. 1403**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.*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 civil liability for protecting one's home.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2013</i>
<i>Donald Humason</i>		
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1403) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the indemnification of certain persons from civil proceedings for injuries or deaths of persons unlawfully entering their dwelling. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 22/8 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to civil liability for protecting one's home.

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 278 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

3 If a person using this defense is found not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, said
4 person shall not be liable in civil proceedings for the injury or death of the person unlawfully in
5 said dwelling.