

HOUSE No. 1481

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo

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 providing legal fees to innocent citizens.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | <i>1/18/2013</i> |
| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i> | <i>22nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/21/2013</i> |

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By Messrs. Lyons of Andover and Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1481) of James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo relative to legal fees for citizens found innocent of committing a felony. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act providing legal fees to innocent citizens.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 261 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 1A: All citizens of Massachusetts who are innocent of committing a felony or
4 other heinous act shall have access to taxpayer-funded legal fees that are not less than those
5 provided to any convicted wife murderer, except in criminal cases with respect to guilt or
6 innocence.