

HOUSE No. 1560**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, 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: |
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| <i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> | <i>1/17/2013</i> |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i> | <i>3rd Hampden</i> | <i>1/30/2013</i> |
| <i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> | <i>1/18/2013</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2013</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/23/2013</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2013</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>1/18/2013</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i> | <i>22nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/21/2013</i> |
| <i>James R. Miceli</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Shaunna O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>1/30/2013</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> | <i>1/21/2013</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>1/23/2013</i> |
| <i>Cleon H. Turner</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>1/25/2013</i> |
| <i>David T. Vieira</i> | <i>3rd Barnstable</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |

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| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Bradford Hill</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> | |
| <i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i> | <i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>1/17/2013</i> |

HOUSE No. 1560

By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1560) of George N. Peterson, 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. 2218 OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 2008
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.