

HOUSE No. 1571

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 the award of attorney’s fees, staff time, costs and expenses in code enforcement matters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Denise Provost

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

27th Middlesex

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1571) of Denise Provost relative to attorney’s fees. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to the award of attorney’s fees, staff time, costs and expenses in code enforcement matters.

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. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding after section 60A the following new section:-

3 Section 61. Any governmental unit or entity, including but not limited to a city, town,
4 state agency or department, specially created governmental entity, district, governmental or
5 municipal body politic and corporate, or the like, either directly or acting through any of its
6 officers, agents, officials, departments, commissions, agencies or the like, may, in any action
7 filed in any court or agency seeking enforcement of any laws, rules or regulations within its
8 jurisdiction, petition the court or agency for an award of attorney’s fees, reimbursement for staff
9 time, costs and other expenses related to the enforcement action and said sums may be so
10 awarded either as part of any general or specific relief granted or specifically for said purpose.