

HOUSE No. 196

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan and John F. Keenan

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 to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Tackey Chan</i> | <i>2nd Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Thomas J. Calter</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/28/2013</i> |
| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> | <i>1/28/2013</i> |

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy and Senator Keenan, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 196) of Tackey Chan, Thomas J. Calter and John F. Keenan for legislation to provide for the licensing and regulation of drain cleaners. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to establish licensing standards for drain cleaners.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Board of
2 Examiners of Plumbers shall promulgate rules and regulations providing for the licensing of
3 drain cleaners in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Such rules and regulations shall
4 establish distinct classes of drain cleaner licenses as deemed appropriate by the Board, to include
5 but not limited to apprentice level licenses and master level licenses.

6 SECTION 2. Any person or entity engaging in drain cleaning without a license shall be
7 subject to a civil administrative penalty under the provisions of section 65A of chapter 112 of the
8 General Laws.

9 SECTION 3. All licensing and application fees and civil administrative penalties
10 collected pursuant to this act shall be deposited into the Division of Professional Licensure Trust
11 Fund established by section 35V of chapter 10 of the General Laws.