

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 232**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Louis L. Kafka*

*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 residential contractors guaranty fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 232**

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 232) of Louis L. Kafka relative to the residential contractors guaranty fund. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1890 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the residential contractors guaranty fund.

*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 5 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 9, by striking out the words “exhausted all customary  
3 and reasonable efforts to collect the judgment” and substituting in place thereof the words  
4 “obtained a judgment or arbitration award”

5           Section 2: Section 5 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
6 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 12, by striking out the sentences “The director shall  
7 promulgate such regulation as he may deem necessary to implement the fund under this chapter.  
8 Prior to the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation the director shall give notice and  
9 hold a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of chapter thirty A.” and substituting  
10 in place thereof the sentences “In the case that the contractor has filed for bankruptcy, the owner  
11 must provide evidence confirming the bankruptcy status of the contractor from the U.S.  
12 Bankruptcy Court. In the case that the contractor is suspected of having fled the jurisdiction, the  
13 owner must provide evidence of attempted service of a writ or execution by a sheriff or constable  
14 at the contractor’s last known business address, and of the efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of  
15 the contractor. In the case that the owner is unable to collect such judgment after execution, the  
16 owner must provide evidence of writ of execution by sheriff or constable, and demand for  
17 payment made but the judgment remains unsatisfied.”

18           Section 3: Section 5 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
19 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 17, by striking out the words “and such regulations  
20 as the director may promulgate as they relate to the fund”

21           Section 4: Section 7 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 2, by inserting after the word “three”, the words “and  
23 section five”

24           Section 5: Section 7 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
25 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 4, by striking out the words “exhausted all customary  
26 and reasonable efforts to collect the judgment or award”