

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1500**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David K. Muradian, Jr.***

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*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>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i>             | <i>1/15/2015</i> |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>  | <i>20th Middlesex</i>            | <i>9/23/2019</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>          | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>9/23/2019</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>        | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>     | <i>1/16/2015</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>   | <i>14th Bristol</i>              | <i>1/15/2015</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i>         | <i>1st Bristol</i>               | <i>2/4/2015</i>  |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>        | <i>12th Bristol</i>              | <i>9/23/2019</i> |
| <i>Leah Cole</i>              | <i>12th Essex</i>                | <i>9/23/2019</i> |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i>              | <i>1/16/2015</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>      | <i>18th Worcester</i>            | <i>1/15/2015</i> |

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1500**

By Mr. Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1500) of David K. Muradian, 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. 1560 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 2012  
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.