

HOUSE No. 1659

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Whelan

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 affecting landlord's rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1659) of Timothy R. Whelan relative to the representation of a landlord in eviction actions. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1661 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act affecting landlord’s rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a landlord owning five or fewer housing units,
- 2 whether such landlord is an individual, trust, partnership or corporate entity of any kind,
- 3 involved in an eviction action may represent himself in such action or may be represented in
- 4 such action by the manager of the housing unit subject of the eviction.