

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1712**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas A. Golden, Jr.*

*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 limit indemnity and insurance responsibility for general contractors and subcontractors in construction work.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1712) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and David M. Nangle for legislation to limit indemnity and insurance responsibility for general contractors and subcontractors in construction work. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1727 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 to limit indemnity and insurance responsibility for general contractors and subcontractors in construction work.

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

1 Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 29C and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 SECTION 29C. Any provision for or in connection with a contract or subcontract for  
4 construction, reconstruction, installation, alteration, remodeling, repair, demolition or  
5 maintenance work, including without limitation, excavation, backfilling or grading, on any  
6 building or structure, whether underground or above ground, or on any real property, including  
7 without limitation any road, bridge, tunnel, sewer, water or other utility line, which requires 1  
8 party to indemnify or insure the other party, or anyone identified in the contract or subcontract as  
9 an indemnitee or additional insured, for injury to persons or damage to property to a greater

10 extent than the proportion of said injury or damage proximately caused by the negligence of the  
11 indemnitor shall be unenforceable and void. Any such indemnification or insurance provision  
12 shall be interpreted to require indemnification or insurance only to the proportional extent the  
13 negligence of the indemnitor, its agents or employees is a proximate cause of the injury or  
14 damage.

15           Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter existing law governing the liability of  
16 joint tortfeasors to a plaintiff.