

**SENATE . . . . . No. 140**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

*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 regarding document preparation fees for motor vehicle sales.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*James B. Eldridge*

*Middlesex and Worcester*

*Diana DiZoglio*

*14th Essex*

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 140) of James B. Eldridge and Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to document preparation fees for motor vehicle sales. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 95 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 regarding document preparation fees for motor vehicle sales.

*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. Chapter 255B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

3 Section 26. In addition to a finance charge as provided in Section 14 of this chapter, a  
4 dealer may only charge a purchaser of a vehicle one fee associated with all preparation and  
5 processing of documents, hereinafter referred to as the “Document Preparation Service Fee,”  
6 related to the purchase. The Document Preparation Service Fee shall include but not be limited  
7 to: the preparation of the sales contract and all documents related to the sales contract; the  
8 preparation of the financing application and all documents related to the financing of the vehicle;  
9 the preparation and processing of all necessary certificates related to the vehicle purchase; the  
10 preparation and processing of all documents necessary to issue or transfer a certificate of title for

11 a vehicle or register a vehicle or transfer registration of a vehicle; and any other preparation or  
12 processing of documents related to the completion of the vehicle sales and finance transaction.  
13 The dealer shall not represent the Document Preparation Service Fee as a governmental fee or  
14 one required by government, and the total Document Preparation Service Fee shall not exceed  
15 \$100.00.