

**SENATE . . . . . No. 928**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 collection of outstanding delinquent legal fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 928) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Robert L. Hedlund and others for legislation to collect outstanding delinquent legal fees. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act regarding collection of outstanding delinquent legal fees.

*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 9 of Chapter 211D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (i), the following subsection:-

3           (j) The clerk of the court shall submit a quarterly report to MassHealth, the department of  
4 transitional assistance and the registry of motor vehicles detailing the amount of any unresolved  
5 counsel fees owed by persons for whom counsel was appointed under this chapter. Said fees  
6 shall be considered by MassHealth and the department of transitional assistance as financial  
7 benefits to be repaid pursuant to section 22 of chapter 118E and section 5G of chapter 18. The  
8 registry of motor vehicles shall not issue or renew a person's driver's license or motor vehicle  
9 registration for any vehicle subsequently purchased by such person until it receives notification  
10 from the clerk of the court that the fee has been resolved.