

HOUSE No. 1986

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry and John W. Scibak

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 the licensing of home inspectors.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>John W. Scibak</i> | <i>2nd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | |

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By Messrs. McMurtry of Dedham and Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1986) of Paul McMurtry, John W. Scibak and others for legislation to establish requirements for licensure as an associate home inspector. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3215 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act relative to the licensing of home inspectors.

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 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 223 and
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 223. The board shall establish the requirements for licensure as an associate
4 home inspector and shall promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the
5 provisions of this section; provided, however that the board shall not require any work with or
6 oversight by a supervisor without specifically assigning a licensed home inspector to serve as
7 such supervisor; and provided further, that the board shall waive any requirement which is not
8 satisfied as a result of an assigned supervisor’s failure to act as such. Said board shall license as
9 an associate an applicant who has shown to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant:

- 10 (1) is of good moral character;
- 11 (2) has successfully completed high school or its equivalent;
- 12 (3) has successfully completed a board-approved training program;
- 13 (4) has passed a written or electronic competency examination offered or approved by the
14 board; and
- 15 (5) has paid the appropriate fee, which shall be set by the secretary of administration and
16 finance.