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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Tackey Chan*, (BY REQUEST)**

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 home improvement contractors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Karen Murphy	*117 Vassall Street Quincy, MA 02170*	*1/20/2017*

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3040) of Karen Murphy relative to imposing penalties on home improvement contractors for certain actions. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1233* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act relative to home improvement contractors.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 271 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 51. A contractor or subcontractor as defined by section 1 of chapter 142A shall be guilty of a felony and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this section if:

(1) he or she leaves the commonwealth and goes into another state without making reasonable provisions for the completion of contracted work; or

(2) willfully and while having the financial ability or earning capacity to comply with an order of judgment pursuant to section 8 of chapter 142A fails to comply with such judgment.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by imprisonment in jail or the house of correction for not more than 2½ years, or by a fine of not more than $20,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 14 the following section:-

Section 14A. If a person charged with the crime set forth in section 51 of chapter 271 flees the commonwealth, the governor shall issue a warrant of arrest as provided in section 20I and demand, in writing to the governor of the state where the person demanded is present, the delivery of the accused. The demand shall state that such person was present in the commonwealth at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and that such person has broken the terms of his or her bail or recognizance. A copy of such crime charged shall be authenticated by the governor and provided to the governor of the other state.