

HOUSE No. 3495

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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 reimburse the prevailing party plaintiffs in ten taxpayer actions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3495) of David F. DeCoste and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to authorize taxable inhabitants to recover certain litigation expenses. The Judiciary.

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

An Act to reimburse the prevailing party plaintiffs in ten taxpayer actions.

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 53 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- If said taxable inhabitants prevail, said
- 3 taxable inhabitants shall be entitled to recover reasonable litigation expenses, including
- 4 reasonable attorneys' fees, and other costs from the town, regional school district, or district.