

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3495**

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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)**  
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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.