

**SENATE . . . . . No. 574**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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 homeowners' fire insurance policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 574) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to the homeowners' fire insurance policies. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 538 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 homeowners' fire insurance policies.

*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 193P of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following new text:

4           "No insurance company shall cancel or non-renew a fire insurance policy without good  
5 cause. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, no policy providing protection  
6 against loss by reason of fire to a dwelling or contents thereof shall be issued unless it contains a  
7 provision that the insurer will give written notice of its intent not to renew or reissue a policy to  
8 the insured at least sixty days prior to the expiration of the policy which notice shall state or be  
9 accompanied by a detailed explanation of such decision. The explanation shall include the  
10 reasons for the policy non-renewal or cancellation and measures the insured may take to mitigate

- 11 such reasons. In a manor not otherwise inconsistent with the general laws, The Division of
- 12 Insurance shall promulgate regulations herein under to enforce the provisions of this act.”