

**SENATE . . . . . No. 747**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 preventing fraud in Massachusetts housing authorities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 747) of Richard J. Ross, Steven S. Howitt, Keiko M. Orrall, Ryan C. Fattman and others for legislation relative to preventing fraud in Massachusetts housing authorities. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to preventing fraud in Massachusetts housing authorities.

*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 1. Section 32 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subsection (h) by inserting at the end thereof the  
3 following:-

4           “A person who is found to have intentionally violated this subsection shall be punished  
5 by a fine of not less than 1,000 dollars. Nothing in this section shall be read to limit the civil and  
6 criminal remedies otherwise available under section 30 of chapter 266 or any other relevant  
7 law.”

8           SECTION 2. Said section 32 of chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
9 inserting at the end thereof the following:-

10           “Each housing authority shall conduct a financial audit of each tenant not less than once  
11 every 5 years. The audit shall be completed in order to ensure that tenants are appropriately  
12 eligible for public housing and a particular housing program.”