

**SENATE . . . . . No. 884**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Eric P. Lesser*

*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 clarifying municipal authority regarding cash sureties and foreclosures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 884) of Eric P. Lesser, Harriette L. Chandler, Thomas M. McGee, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to clarify municipal authority regarding cash sureties and foreclosures. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act clarifying municipal authority regarding cash sureties and foreclosures.

*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 127I of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a municipality may, by  
4 ordinance or by-law, require an entity to provide a cash surety in an amount not to exceed  
5 \$10,000 on vacant property that the entity has the lawful ability to enter upon and control when  
6 that entity is foreclosing or has foreclosed upon the property.