

HOUSE No. 1390

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>1/17/2019</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1390) of David F. DeCoste for legislation to authorize taxable inhabitants to recover certain litigation expenses. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3495 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.